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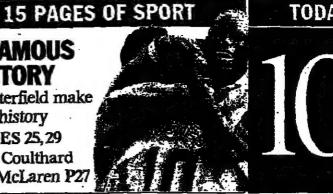
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Joyriders could get ten years

'Yob drivers' face tough new sentences

By Stewart Tendler and Jonathan Prynn

JOYRIDERS and other reckless motorists who kill or maim through dangerous driving would face dramatically increased maximum prison terms under measures planned by Michael Howard. Under the Home Secretary's proposals, joyriders who cause fatal accidents would face up to ten years in prison, while dangerous driving resulting in serious injury would be punishable by a

"yob drivers" intent on causing mayhem on Britain's roads rather than the otherwise responsible motorist who causes a tragic accident through a concentration lapse.

maximum of five years in jail.

Proposals for amending two pieces of legislation, the Theft Act and the Road Traffic Act. to increase the maximum penalries, will be announced in the next few weeks in response to pressure from magistrates. The changes will also have the support of chief constables concerned about car thieves who flee at high speed.

No legislation would be possible before the general election, but the Government could signal its determination to take action if it is returned. A Labour government might well take up the legislation. which may not be considered contentious.

The plan to double the maxiumum penalty for juyriders who cause fatal accidents will beef up the offence of "aggravated vehicle taking", which was introduced in 1992.



Toad checked his mirror, indicated and slowly released his foot from the clutch

Legal experts said that while the change would not directly affect penalties for most joyriding cases, it could lead iuvenile courts to impose long

er periods of detention. The change would also bring the offence into line with legislation on death by dangerous driving, which has carried a maximum penalty of

ten years since 1993.

The increase in the top penalty for causing injury through dangerous driving to five years is aimed to end the situation whereby a driver can leave an accident victim in a coma or permanently para-lysed, yet face a maximum of two years in jail.

Senior government sources said that while there was little hard evidence that increased penalties had a deterrent effect on the worst offenders, the move would send a signal to all road users that bad driving

would not be tolerated. We don't just want people to be aware of the penalty, we want to them to know that they are doing something terribly wrong when they drive in that way," he said Just as much as drinking and driving and joyriding, dangerous driving involves a selfish indifference to public health."

driving that could attract the maximum penalty include high-speed "tailgating", weaving in and out of lanes on a motorway or aggressively pushing in to a long line of

slow moving traffic.

Any accident following use of drugs or alcohol, excessive speed, racing other vehicles or deliberate and prolonged bad

driving would also qualify.

The proposals were welcomed by MPs and road safety groups, who said light "wristslapping" penalties for drivers who caused death and injury ere an insult to the victims

Steven Norris, the former road safety minister, said: "I welcome the move not just because there is a great so of outrage about people left disabled by incredibly reckless drivers, but also about the relatively lenient sentences they get. It is hard to see any difference between causing injury through reckless driving and shooting someone. The premeditation is just as

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£50,000 for church anti-abortion fund

DONATIONS of more than £50,000 have been promised to back up a Roman Catholic cardinal's offer of practical and financial help for any woman planning an abortion.

Cardinal Thomas Winning, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland, launched the open-ended appeal at a Glasgow conference organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Child-

ren. And he said that two people from England had contacted him. A man pledged £50,000, and a woman promised a substantial gift when

she sold her house. Cardinal Winning told the conference: Today I issue an open invitation to any woman, any family, any couple who may be facing the possibility of an unwanted pregnancy. Whatever worries or cares you may have in this regard, we will help you. If you want help

to cope with raisin the bahv on your own, we will help you. If you want to discuss adoption of your unborn child, we will help you, if you need financial assistance or equip-

ment, we will help you. "If you cannot face your family or if pressure in your neighbourhood is making you consider abortion, come to us. We will find you somewhere to have your baby surrounded by support and encourage-ment. We will help you. This

invitation. I repeat, is open to all, irrespective of age, creed or colour. Let us help you to avoid making one of the biggest mistakes of your life." Cardinal Winning, who at-

tacked "gynaecological abat-toirs", added that he hoped the rest of the Church would follow his example. Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, gave the idea qualified backing, saying: "It is one thing to

condemn abortion, another to

Winning has given a good Cardinal Winning said that money would not be the only help on offer, nor would it continue all the child's life, but

the Church would respond to

practical help. Cardina

individual needs. However, A Right to Choose thought the offer would make little difference: financial considerations were only a small part of the reason women had abortions.

Rifkind extols Nato benefits

The prospect of joining Nato is already helping Central European countries to overcome ethnic and territorial disputes, according to Mal-colm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, writes in The Timestoday.

"Once these countries feel secure, they will have the confidence to develop better relations with Russia, enhancing everyone's security," he

Albania pact

President Berisha of Albania announced agreement with opposition parties on a unity government and fresh elections by June. But his government was rapidly losing control in the south of the Page II

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Booker winner denies plot 'theft'

By IAN MURRAY

GRAHAM SWIFT, the winner of last year's Booker Prize, has responded angrily to a suggestion that he horrowed the storyline and style of his novel Last Orders from William Faulkner's As I Lay Dying, published in 1930.

Writing today in The Times. which first pointed out the similarities between the two works in a review published in lanuary last year, he says: 'My novel can, understand ably, be compared to Faulkner's but does not stand comparison to it. It's a differ-

Mr Swift said it had never occurred to him to include any acknowledgement to Faulkner. "If I did such a thing I would have to acknowledge a great many other writers and a great many other writers would have to acknowledge others. If people haven't read As I Lay Dying it doesn't matter and if they have read it the similarities are obvious enough for anyone to recog-

ruse them." The suggestion of plagia-rism came from John Frow, Professor of English at the University of Queensland. In a letter to the The Australian's Review of Books he writes: The simple fact is that Last

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Royal minibus ride to see Prince William confirmed

BY ALAN HAMILTON



Diana, Princess of Wales. with Prince William

Prayer, was as notable for its of Bishop Chartres, at the absentees as for its distinexpress wish of the Prince of guished congregation. It was conducted by the Right Rev Wales, surprised many who Richard Chartres, Bishop of had expected a future head of London and Dean of the the Church of England to be Chapels Royal, assisted by the confirmed by its most senior Right Rev Patrick Mitchell, cleric, the Archbishop of Can-Dean of Windsor. The choice terbury. The Queen and her

four children were all confirmed by the Archbishop of the day, and Prince William was christened by Archbishor Robert Runcie. But both St James's Palace and Lambeth Palace denied any suggestion that the choice of Bishop Chartres was a snub to Dr George Carey, the present Archbishop, whose perceived association with the church's evangelical wing is at variance with the more traditional out-

look of the Prince of Wales. Dr Carey has been on sabbatical and leaves London today for a meeting of senior Anglican clergy in Jerusalem. The Prince's office said that he had been kept fully informed Other absenters included the Duke of Edinburgh, who is travelling abroad on behalf of the World Wide Fund for

Nature, his maternal grand-mother, Mrs Frances Shand-Kydd, who declined an invitation, and Miss Tiggy Legge-Bourke, who has helped to look after the young Princes since their parents' divarce.

☐ Palace officials dismissed as "speculation" reports that a pair of £65,000 lightweight shotguns recently bought by the Prince of Wales from Asprey's of Bond Street were intended as a confirmation present for his elder son.

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Gardiner says Major is heading for defeat

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

JOHN MAJOR was told by a defecting Conservative MP yesterday that he is heading for severe defeat - six days before he launches the general election campaign. Sir George Gardiner, the deselected MP for Reigate who has joined the Referendum Party, said Tory seats would "go down the pan" and that Mr Major was probably alone in thinking he

could win But Sir George's bitter de-parture reopened internal Tory tensions on Europe, with several of his former colleagues privately voicing sup-port for him and blaming Mr Major's refusal to give ground to Eurosceptics for the party's plight. Several hoped that his move would give impetus to the campaign for a Tory

Senior Tory sources dismissed Sir George's action privately as an act of vengeance. But they refrained from public attacks, hoping that his move would be swiftly lorgotten. They are anxious that further policy announce-ments on education, law and order and on giving greater help to the elderly to cope with nursing home fees, will show that ministers have not

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Shadow Foreign Secretary is accused of making irresponsible charges

Cook angers Tories in 'racist links' row

ROBIN COOK angered Tory ministers last night after he linked speeches by Michael Portillo and John Redwood to racist remarks made last week by the Tory MP David Evans. The Shadow Foreign Secre-tary was accused of making scurrilous and irresponsible charges of racism" by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary.

Mr Dorrell called on Tony Blair to take action against Mr Cook but aides to the Labour leader made clear last night that he backed the remarks. Mr Cook said that speeches in which Mr Portillo and Mr Redwood had criticised Europe bred the type of remarks made by Mr Evans. His comment that "chauvinism and xenophobia are the parents of bigotry and racism" provoked angry reactions from all three Conservatives named in his speech.

Mr Cook told the Scottish Labour conference at the weekend that Mr Portillo's and Mr Redwood's views on Europe echoed "the poisonous views of David Evans on blacks and women". Mr Evans, MP for Welwyn Hatfield. claimed that many women MPs were "ordinary" and made an outspoken attack on a black rapist.

Mr Dorrell said Mr Cook



Cook: caused disquiet among his colleagues

had "said some absolutely outrageous things about my colleagues. There is no foun-

Michael Portillo or John Redwood said for the charges Robin Cook made," Mr Dorrell told BBC1's Breakfast with Frost: "I am wholly opposed to making personal unfounded and scurrilous attacks on politicians."

However, a spokesman for Mr Blair defended Mr Cook's comments and Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary, said that Mr Cook was pointing out "the Little Englander nature of much of the debate

in the Tory party".

Mr Cook has been at the centre of a series of highprofile incidents in the past fortnight, causing disquiet among colleagues this week

hopeful that we are going to get that majority in England when he suggested that Labour was about to secure a as well as in Scotland." landslide victory. The com-ment came as Mr Blair was

Such a result would still represent a substantial swing to Labour but well short of its landslide victory of 1945. The party has only 196 of the 524 MPs in England, needing a further 62 for a majority.

Mr Cook also made clear yesterday that Labour's plans to introduce large numbers of party supporters into the Lords to balance the inbuilt Tory majority would happen only over the lifetime of a Parliament. When the idea was mooted last year, there were suggestions that there would be a huge influx of Labour peers in the first year.

Maths A level to be replaced by modular courses

By David Charter, education correspondent

THE traditional mathematics A level, taken entirely by final examination, is to disappear within three years and be replaced by "easier" modular courses.

Academics yesterday said that standards of higher level mathematics would be threatened by the move, which is designed to attract more students to stay on for A level. There has been a huge

increase in demand for modular courses, where sections roughly equivalent to a term's work are examined as they are completed, and retakes of each segment are allowed.

Their popularity has led the three A level examination boards to prepare all their A level mathematics courses in pass-as-you-go form following the next change of syllabus in

The disclosure comes despite fears about the rigour of modular examinations, which led Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, to limit the number of retakes to one per unit.

The only major academic study of the new-style courses found that pupils of the same ability consistently scored a grade higher at modular than on the traditional "linear" syllabus.

Dr John Marks, a member of the board of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said he would call for an urgent review to ensure separate traditional syllabus. "I will persue this because I think this is a worrying development and a trend which I suspect is not just limited to mathematics," Dr Marks

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"It was the traditional linear course which set the standard of A level and there has been a lot of concern that the modular course is 'easier', which is one of the reasons why SCAA has been trying to revise the rules for modular courses."

A spokeswoman for the authority, which polices all the courses set for public examination, said: "It will still be possible for students to take all papers at the end of the course. if they choose, so the linear option will remain.

But Dr Marks said this would not create a coherent two-year course. "It is easier to do a modular A level because you have a second bite of the cherry and you do it in bits. You are not getting an over-view of students' capacity in the subject totally."

Supporters of modular courses said they helped maintain standards because they motivated students to work consistently for the whole two

Labour would abolish national primary school performance tables but require education authorities to publish them locally. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary said yesterday.

The figures would also have to be published four months earlier than the Government's tables, due out tomorrow, so that they would be in time for parents to use them to choose

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A SURVIVAL guide for future Labour ministers to cope with Brussels life and the rigours of European political meetings has been prepared by party officials.

After 18 years of Conservative rule, senior Labour strategists are concerned that their frontbenchers are not sufficiently acquainted with the rules and etiquette of European meetings, particularly over policy sessions which last

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well into the night. Labour spokesmen have been issued with three golden rules: keep up the stamina, stay off whisky, and flatter European counterparts.

Future Labour ministers have also been told to brush up on their foreign languages, and that being able to chat with their counterparts will be a bonus. After what is perceived to have been a difficult period for the Conservatives in Europe, Labour officials believe it is important for its politicians to look as if

they are making an effort. Lunch, coffee and drinks have been singled out as ideal occasions for camaraderie. Britain takes on the presiden-cy of the European Union in January next year and will be instrumental in negotiating

the single currency.

The instructions are part of Labour's preparation for gov-ernment, which also includes grooming in how to ambush meetings, and using procedur-al ploys to achieve decisions in Britain's interest.

But a senior diplomat

warned last week: "Politicians must not be too constant, they

Most of the briefing has been prepared by former civil

are likely to have to change alliances several times in one day.It is a game that they can get good at with practice."

servants and diplomats. Practical tips have also been offered by Pauline Green, British MEP and leader of the Socialist group in the European Parliament, and by Neil Kinnock, former Labour leader and now a European Commissioner.

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Gardiner

trying to guard against com-placency and the Labour lead-

er's reassertion that a general

election victory could not be

taken for granted was seen as

a thinly-veiled put-down for

Yesterday, Mr Cook pulled

back from his earlier projec-

tion, offering a much more

cautious assessment of

Labour's chances. After mak-

ing clear that Labour's devolu-tion plans would need a majority of MPs in England.

as well as Scotland and Wales,

Mr Cook said: "At the present

time it looks as if we can be

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run out of ideas. However, the timing and strength of Sir George's comments were acknowledged to be damaging at the start of a week seen as crucial to Tory attempts to rebuild morale. Sir George said: "Tory seats are going to go down the pan with an almighty flush when the election comes. And the writing was on the wall wasn't it at the Wirral? The Tory backbenchers are by no means illiterate."

Although Sir George said that he had had six or seven calls from Tory MPs supporting his move, none backed him publicly yesterday. One Tory MP for Southend East, said: "If George's defection results in us looking at the referendum issue again, it could possibly turn out to be a bonus instead of a problem."

Sir George's remarks came on the eve of key meetings between Mr Major and his senior advisers at which the timing of the election announcement will be discussed. It could come later this week, but if he wanted Mr Major could delay for two or even three weeks. However, when activists gather at Bath this Friday for a two-day Central Council meeting marking the campaign's start, they will know the date: the last day for calling an April 10 election is on Wednesday.

In Reigate, Sir George's presence is not seen as a threat to Tory hopes of keeping a seat they hold with a 17,664



Sir George Gardiner in London yesterday

MP's departure deepens the rift between Reigate Tories

made "a scurrilous and un-

warranted attack" on the

Prime Minister and had

Major-General Steele said

that Sir George would have remained the Tory candidate

if, after the initial attempt to

deselect him last June, he had

kept his head down. "But

then, on the issue of Europe

made the remark about Mr

and a single currency.

shown "gross disloyalty".

REIGATE Tories yesterday eacted with both anger and adness to the news that their MP for 23 years. Sir George Gardiner, had defected to the Referendum Party.

It was plain that his departure has deepened the rift between his supporters and detractors which led to his deselection as the Tory candidate at the approaching

Major-General Michael Steele, chairman of Reigate Tories said that Sir George's decision "is an act of hetraval which I very much regret. He has effectively disenfranchised all the thousands of people who voted for him." Major-General Steele said

that in his Sunday Times

Major being Mr Clarke's ventriloquist's dummy, and I think that should be on his He said that he was nevertheless surprised by Sir George's decision to leave the fold. "He was always a

article yesterday, justifying his decision. Sir George had staunch Conservative." Major General Steele claimed the defection would "make not twopennyworth" of difference to the general election result in the constituency. Sir George would lose his deposit, he said. Joan Spears, a Tory coun-

cillor and staunch supporter of Sir George said that he "has been an extremely caring and conscientious Member of Parliament. "I am extremely sad that a man of his standing and great honour should have been

driven by the Conservative Party to take this step." She claimed that his move to the Referendum Party

could affect the local result in the general election.

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Parents pay to prevent school cuts

Families have volunteered to donate £150 a year to avoid staff cuts at a leading state school. The grant-maintained Royal Grammar School in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire was sixth among state schools for A-level results last year, but says it has lost £425,000 in government grants since 1993. David Levin, headmaster of the 1.200the initiative for the donations came from parents auxious to maintain standards.

Herald service

The 193 passengers and seamen who died in the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster 10 years ago were remembered at a service in St Mary's church. Dover, yesterday. More than 400 members of bereaved families, survivors. shipmates, rescue workers. counsellors and friends attended the service, conducted by the Rev Graham Batten.

Ferry collision

Cross Channel services were disrupted last night after a catamaran carrying 206 pas-sengers collided with a stationary ferry in fog at Ramsgate harbour, Kent A child received slight ankle injuries and there was some damage to both vessels. owned by Holyman Sally Ferries. Services today are unlikely to be affected.

Council attack

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secre-tary, is considering sending a "hit squad" of education ex-perts into Calderdale council in west Yorkshire. The local authority, responsible for the controversial Ridings School in Halifax, will today be condemned for its weak leadership in a report by school

Work for bomber

The IRA bomber serving a life sentence for the murder of Earl Mountbatten has been allowed out to work on building sites around Dublin. Tommy McMahon, 48, re-turns to Mountjoy prison in the evening. Irish Government sources emphasised that McMahon, who was sen-tenced in 1979, would not be granted full release

Girl gangs rivalling boys for violence

By IAN MURRAY

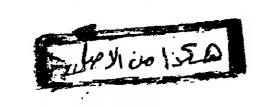
ORGANISED groups of violent girls are starting to rival thuggish boys in brutality and crime, according to a survey of life in some of the more dangerous all-female

gangs in Britain. The report finds that female violence is no longer an inner-city phenomenon, but increasingly involves daughters of affluent suburban families who reject the role they believe society expects of them. Brinkworth, who has spent two years Typical of these middle-class gangs are the Bitches With Attitude, in Maida Vale, west London. Their leader, Rowena, 17, was expelled from her private school after stubbing out cigarettes on the face of a girl she thought was prettier.

You've got to put a stop to another girl who always gets success with hoys. You do damage to their faces, go for the looks," she told the author of the survey. Lisa

mingling with girl gangs to collect material for a film. He rreport jis published in Harpers & Queen.

The growth of girl gangs has come with a rise in the amount of violence initated by women. Women are now responsible for 12 per cent of domestic violence and Home Office statistics show that violent crimes by females have increased by 250 per cent since 1973.



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It is in the nature of literature that books may derive from or be influenced by others, Swift says

I have always acknowledged debt to Faulkner

JOHN FROW plainly does not like my novel. He suggests it is "pointless and flabby". I would be a sad writer if I could not live with the fact that some people do not like my book but, happily, many people do like it and many a critique of Last Orders has been written and many a personal letter sent to me by those who like it deeply.

The point about the debt to As I Lay Dying is not new. It was made prominently in one of the first reviews of Last Orders, in The Times (January 18, 1996), which praised my novel for how it drew on Faulkner and also, emphatically, for its intrinsic merit. It has been made in other reviews and put to me in interviews and at public events. I have never pretended

the connection is not there. But the great number of reviews and commentaries which do not mention Faulkner suggest that the connec-tion is hardly the nub of my book. Indeed, other writers are mentioned: Chaucer, for example, because my novel involves a group of characters journeying from London through Kent; T.S. Eliot, because the destination is Margate and Eliot has some lines about Margate. The first echo I was conscious of, the second never occurred to me. But is one supposed not to write about travellers in Kent because of Chaucer, or about Margate because of Eliot? It is in the nature of literature that books may derive from or be influenced by others. Equally,

Graham Swift responds to criticism that he borrowed from William Faulkner's novel, As I Lay Dying, for his book, Last Orders



Swift: novel is different

there are certain things for which there is no literary patent or monopoly. How do you write about a group of travellers on what is effectively a sort of pilgrimage, without evoking Chaucer? How do you write a story in which the living deal intimately with the remains of the dead and not evoke Faulkner's classic? Some stories are themselves so basic, so perennial, so likely to involve us all, that they are told and need to be told many times. The question is: how does each telling offer up its own vision and create its inherent world? The carrying - handling and mishandling

 of a jar of ashes offers very different narrative possibilities and a quite different range

Swift says his critic becomes contradictory when comparing his one-line chapter, above, with Faulkner's

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on a lumbering wagon. As people keep reminding me, it is a much more common actual situation. Bermondsey and Kent are not Mississippi. London English is not Mississippi English. Where in Faulkundertakers and second-hand car dealers? Where is the extensive reanimation of the dead person so that he becomes as much as active presence as the living ones, and where is the pattern of chapters detailing the manner and peculiar solicitations of his death? Where in Faulkner is the world, the memory, the lore of my generation of characters whose experience includes on the one hand the bombing of London and war service in North Africa, and on the other the paraphernalia of shops and camper-vans, or that whole sentimental-cumtawdry-cum-atavistic mythol-

of scenes from a rotting corpse

ogy of the English seaside? Not addressing such things, Mr Frow makes much of certain technical similarities. without reflecting that they are indeed technical or incidental. That I use, like Faulkner, alternating first-person narratives: well, I have done this before in another novel, and it is not such a peculiar literary method — the shifting point of view - that it should not be open to all. That I have a chapter ascribed to the dead person: its voice, in fact, is that of the dead person's father, and the dead person anyway is given plenty of opportunity to speak elsewhere. That I have a chapter consisting of numbered points: this is a list of a gambler's guiding rules and so is properly set out as a list. That I include, like Faulkner, a chapter of just one line wo words in my case, five Faulkners: heaven forbid that only one writer should be allowed a one-line chapter.

But here Mr Frow gets contradictory, saying that my one-line chapter "can't stand the comparison" to Faulkner and that Faulkner's chapter. "My mother is a fish", has a cosmic quality whereas my chapter ... well, it's just one man calling three other men "Old buggers". Am I being ticked off here for not being like Faulkner? For not being cosmic? Could it not be that my "old buggers" has a different function in a different narrative and belongs to a different fictional texture? But this is exactly the case. My novel can, understandably, be compared to Faulkner's but does not stand comparison to it. It's a different book.

Times book reviewer hailed a 'redemptive adaptation'

CLAIRE MESSUD, who reviewed Last Orders for The Times last year, pointed out Swift's debt to Faulkner's As I Lay Dying, and considered the former an adaptation. Here are extracts.

Few novels of his century have taken on the weight of modern myth, but William Faulkner's As I Lay Dying is one of them, a tortuous masterpiece about the Bundren family's journey to bury their

"In the hands of an uncertain talent, any reworking of this narrative - and particularly a contemporary, British reworking — would be folly. an invitation to bathos; but Graham Swift's new novel. Last Orders, is a triumphant. and ultimately redemptive, adaptation of Faulkner's classic. It, too, is the tale of a

journey to a burial, and in its telling Swift has taken up Faulkner's device of alternating named monologues. The novel is punctuated with more specific debts to its predeces-sor, both in form and in detail;



Messud: "Swift's novel a

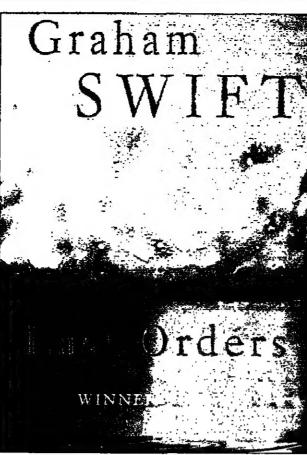
mere pastiche. A resonant work of art in its own right, it confirms its author as one of his generation's finest, with an imagination of rare immediacy and vitality.

"As in As I Lay Dying, the funeral trip teases to the surface the roiling resentments and agonies of years: but Swift, in Last Orders. allows for reconciliation, and even for hope. And while Faulkner's talent was to write himself into each of his characters, to insert improbable, magnificent passages of articulation into the minds of his creations, Swift has chosen to efface his writerliness almost entirely from this book: there is a deceptive simplicity in the novel's diction, a captivating authenticity in the voices it

triumphant adaptation"

Clive Elliott, of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, which hopes to receive up to £500,000 from the event, said that it would have been unfair to have one particular aircraft on the simulator. Pilots will have to learn how to handle a

"generic" jet for the contest.



Swift's Last Orders and Faulkner's As I Lay Dying: "The point about the debt is not new," says Swift

right word) is substantial."

Continued from page | Author answers critic Orders, in its plot and formal structure, is almost identical that novel, without

argument. She said: "People acknowledgement and withsteal from each other all the time. He couldn't have chosen out even, as far as I can see, the kind of knowing nod a better person to be influenced by in my view. I am currently writing a book about the 200 best English towards the earlier novel that would have made this acceptable. These are tricky issues, but the borrowing (if that's the novels since 1950 and I am definitely going to include it Carmen Callil, the writer

and founder of Virago, who Support also came from chaired last year's panel of Malcolm Bradbury, the nov-Booker judges, dismissed the elist and Emeritus Professor studies at the University of East Anglia, who said he had read both books and found them very different in style. "Swift is London demotic Faulkner is high modernism with flowing sentences and a great sense of the mysteriousness of language. It is nothing resembling plagiarism and borrowing is common in literature in a thematic context.

Literature is filled with

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borrowed tales. Both books tell how the family and friends of a recently deceased character take the remains on a journey.

In Faulkner, a body is moved across the country for burial in Jackson County, Mississipi. In Swift's book, the ashes of a butcher are taken from Bermondesy, south London, to be scattered on the sea at Margate. Some chapters in both books are only a

Writer bred on sound and fury of **Deep South**

By Ian Murray

WILLIAM FAULKNER (1897-1962) was Mississippi born and bred, proud of his southern heritage and of his great-grandfather, who served with distinction in the American Civil War. He became best known for a cycle of books that developed the history of the Deep South as a fable of

human destiny everywhere. He was a desultory univer-sity student, more interested in reading Omar Khayyam than, regimented study. He joined the RAF in the First World War and was shot down twice. Returning to Mississippi and university, he attended intermittently for two

years and never graduated. His first published work was a poem in a New Orleans magazine. The Sound and the Fury, his first great novel, written in a stream-of-consciousness style, was published in 1929. It was panned

by the critics. Unable to live by writing alone, he took a job as night superintendent of a power plant and there, with an upturned wheelbarrow for a desk, wrote As I Lay Dying (1930). Other novels included Absalom, Absalom! and Intruder in the Dust. He went to Hollywood and wrote screenplays, including The Big Sleep. Faulkner was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature





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spectators, their every twist and turn will be displayed on giant screens as they try to

The competition will take place during the Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford in July. It is expected

least ten countries including Britain and some from Europe, the former Soviet bloc and North America. The event, sponsored by the

Swiss watchmakers Breitling, will take place over three days of heats, semi-finals and finals, and spectators will be encouraged to cheer on their own favourite. Each pilot will wear a virtual reality helmet linked to a computer and simulator which will display different and challenging cloud formations and ground conditions. The simulator has

based on the key components of all the world's leading fighter aircraft.

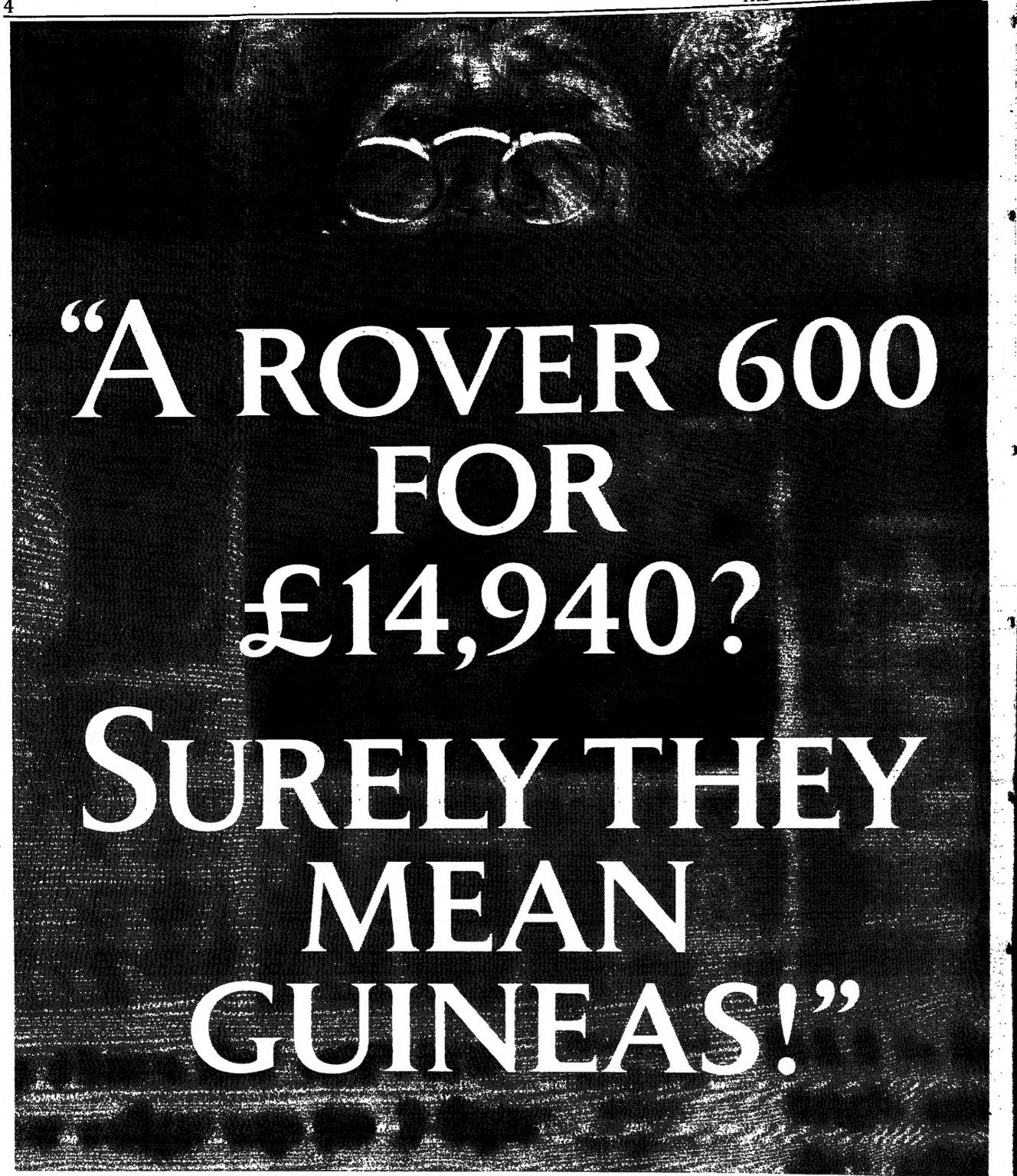
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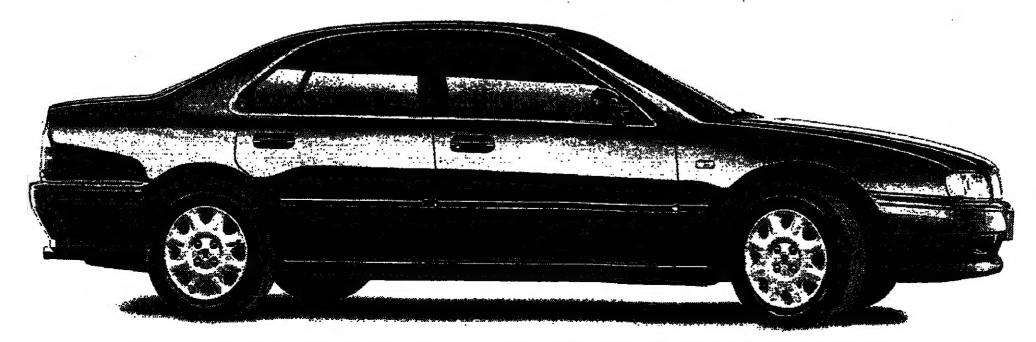


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Inventor says reversed keyboard is easy: 'Within a day I was reading Mozart backwards'

Musician designs piano for players left in the lurch

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A PIANIST is designing a piano for left-handed musicians. Christopher Seed hopes to build an instrument in which everything, including the keyboard, is reversed to allow a left-handed pianist's stronger hand to play melo-

dies scored for the right hand. The left hand, so often relegated to the accompanying chords and subservient to the melody being played by the right hand, would come into its own with the instrument. Mr Seed plans a complete mirror-image of an early 19thcentury fortepiano: the highest notes will begin on the left and the lowest ones will be found on the right. The pedals will be reversed and, if playing with an orchestra, the soloist will be facing the other side, to ensure that his left hand and the lid

Musical scores do not have to be rewritten because the treble clef will be played with the left hand. The fingering even remains the same.

Mr Seed, who is left-handed, proved that it could work by programming his electronic keybuard. "I realised how easy it is to adapt. I thought it would take years to retrain, but within a day, I was reading Mozart backwards. It improved my playing and seemed so natural." Mr Seed. 32, has given recitals in London at the Wigmore Hall, and St John's, Smith Square. He teaches at Winchester

In most piano repertoires, he explained, the proportion of right-hand notes to left-hand ones was unbalanced. He has long avoided Chopin and Mohis design could also be useful for right-handed players who wanted to strengthen their left

Peter Dickinson, professor of music at Goldsmiths college, University of London, said the idea was "revolutionary". He said music was generally "written with the right hand dominant", apart from ragtime and certain kinds of jazz. Stanley Sadie, editor of The

Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, said assessing which composers and performers had been left-handed was difficult: many may have suppressed their natural preference because being left-handed was long considered sinister. But C.P.E. Bach was a likely candidate, judging by an oblique reference by his father, J.S. Bach, to his son



Christopher Seed at an ordinary piano. His design for left-handers is based on a mirror-image of the fortepiano

having to strengthen his right hand. The French composer Ravel would have been captivated by Mr Seed's idea. He wrote un entire piano concerto for the left hand. It was composed for Paul Wittgenstein, the Austrian pianist who lost his right arm in the First World War and was the brother of the philosopher. Ravel, however, was so dis-

to perform the concerto again. Although Mr Seed has located someone who could design the piano, Poletti & Tuinman Fortepiano makers of Hol-£28,000, and is seeking a

sponsor. Initially, he is focusing on recreating a 19thcentury fortepiano, partly because it is cheaper than a modern piano.

Children keep mum in seeking sex advice

PARENTS are still the main source of information about sex for most children, according to a study published yesterday. They were responsible for the sex education of almost half of girls and about a third of boys.

The study of 9 to 12-year-olds by the Schools Health Education Unit at Exeter University found that between 12.1 per cent and 18.3 per cent learnt most about sex from teachers. About two thirds said parents should be the main source and a lifth

About 40 per cent of children in the younger age groups had talked to their parents about the threat of Aids. One in four 11 and 12-year-olds had tried smoking and 3 per cent actually smoked. But more than four out of five said they would never take up the habit.

About a quarter of the boys and 15 per cent of the girls questioned claimed to have drunk alcohol during the previous week. More than half had discussed illegal drugs

Nature defied by those who force someone's hand

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

GEORGE VI, admired for his bravery and steadfastness, might in some cultures not have been allowed to accede to the throne and could even have been put down in childbood, like a deformed puppy.

This is because he was left-handed, which in certain parts of the world has been considered a mark of the Devil. The word sinister is derived from the Latin for left. Even in some contemporary cultures, a person who shows a preference to use the left hand as the principal hand is considered abnormal and

Ten per cent of healthy equally agile with both Bemany left-handed children to be right-handed. In doing so, however, the teacher is defying nature because there are differences in the brain of right and left-handed people. The speech centre is in the right hemisphere in the brain of left-handed people, rather than in the left as with the right-handed, and the



McEnroe: excelled

the large nerve tracks within the brain is correspondingly different.

It is widely assumed that attempting to teach a natural-ly left-handed child to be right-handed could so upset the delicate balance of the central nervous system that thereafter they could display complex psychological prob-lems or trouble with the routine control of facial mus-

If George VI did stammer because there was a futile handedness, it was probably because of the pressure rather than physical changes in his neurological anatomy. The pressure might also have accounted for the famed sudden, but short-lived, bursts of regal temper. George VI was excellent at playing tennis. A well-known tennis player whose tantrums amused the Centre Court for years was John McEnroe, who is also

Statistically the left-handed are fractionally more likely to be good athletes and good mathematicians. They are, however, more likely to suffer from epilepsy and congenital heart disease.

There is evidence that lefthandedness is inherited and the genetic defect which causes the epilepsy or heart disease may also influence The greatest British expert

on research into handedness died a few years ago at a comparatively young age, il-lustrating another disadvantage of being left-handed: there is a statistical tendency, no more than that, for lefthanded people to die younger than the right-handed.

Businesses overtake universities on research

BY NIGEL HAWKES

SOME companies are publishing more academic papers than a medium-sized university, a study has shown.

ICI published more than 4,600 papers from 1981 to 1994, while SmithKline Beecham, Wellcome and AEA Technology each published more than 2,000. A third of British universities published fewer than 2,000 papers in the same period, according to the study by the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex University.

The report, The Changing Shape of British Industrial Research, was compiled by Diana Hicks and J. Sylvan Katz using data from scientific journals. They conclude that industrial research is contributing substantively to the science base and has shown itself to be "dynamic, diverse and adaptive". Drug and chemical companies produce the most papers, with biotechnology

firms gaining prominence.

The report says that the quality of the papers published by industry is generally high, measured by the number of times they are cited by

FM licence for station that itched to get on air

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

A COMMUNITY radio station operated by volunteers in a disused cobbler's workshop has become the smallest broadcaster to receive a full commercial radio licence.

Lochbroom FM, which two years ago launched an information service on the movements of midge swarms, is based in Ullapool, Highland. It had temporary broadcasting licences which enabled it to go on air for a few weeks only, but has now won an eight-year franchise from the

Radio Authority. Kenneth MacDonald, an accountant who helped to set up the station, said: "Lochbroom FM has made a real difference to the community. It has become a talking point in the village and in the

The station hopes to raise the £50,000 a year it needs to survive from advertising and sponsorship from tradesmen and businesses. It was recently awarded a £45,000 National Lottery grant which will enable it to build a headquarters to replace the tin shack it rented from a cobbler.

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Home rule battle will focus the voters' minds

IN THE forthcoming election, like the wars that brought Britain into being, the sharpest fighting between the Government and its

opponents will be in Scotland. The apparent convergence of Labour and the Tories on the centre ground in economics, welfare and crime has been accompanied by a far more confrontational stance on the constitution. Labour and its Liberal Democrat allies argue that a Scottish assembly marks the modernisation of Britain, and the most effective bulwark against separatist demands. The Tories maintain that setting up a parliament in Edinburgh would see an acid eat away at the Union. The Scottish nationalists, with a handful of MPs but twice the Tories' standing in the polls, breathe down

fought for and the larger Union on which prosperity depends. Labour holds 49 of Scotland's 72

seats, the Tories ten, the Liberal Democrats nine and the Scottish National Party four. The ratings in the last Scotland-wide opinion poll by System Three for The Herald confirm Labour's ascendancy with the party at 46 per cent. The SNP, now Scotland's second party, is on 26 per cent, the Tories 16 and the Liberal Democrats ten.

It is from the dry, unchanging arithmetic of Labour's electoral advantage in Scotland that the passion of the coming political battle springs. While the numbers voting Tory across the UK have stayed steady in every general

has consistently sent a Labour majority to Westminster. Abstract annoyance at this apparent imbalance turned into concrete anger in the late 1980s when Margaret Thatcher's government introduced the poll tax in Scotland a year before the rest of Britain.

The indignation of Labour voters at Tory policies, the frustration of activists denied power while enjoy-ing hegemony, and a fear of the SNP, which might attract the frustrated with fundamentalism. have combined to drive the party towards a radical plan for a separate parliament. Labour has worked with the Liberal Democrats in the Constitutional Convention since 1988 to agree a blueprint. The assembly would be elected by

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equal numbers of men and women. It would control most domestic policy and have the power to vary income tax by 3p in the pound.

That last commitment became seen as the parliament's Achilles' heel. The Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, led a vigorous campaign against what he styled "the tartan tax". Labour, anxious to dispel the impression that all its instincts were to raise tax, and determined to give constitutional reform a more pronounced demo-cratic underpinning, refined its policy last year.

Until last summer Labour be lieved that victory at the general election would be a sufficient mandate to legislate for a Scottish

parliament. Now the party is committed to a referendum with two questions, inviting Scots to support the principle of a parlia-ment and asking whether it should have tax-varying powers. The poli-cy change, announced by the Shadow Scottish Secretary, George Robertson, caused consternation. It was seen as the work of Labour's London leadership and contrary to the spirit of devolving power.

The SNP made hay with Labour's policy change, arguing that the party could not be trusted to deliver devolution with a London leadership prepared to dilute previous positions. The Tories depicted Labour's revision as a retreat, evidence of the fundamental unsoundness and instability of the party's plans.

advantages the parties saw, the poll figures still suggest support, albeit frayed, for Labour's plans. Last March, before the policy change, support for the broad devolution package was 51 per cent, the Tory preference of the status quo 21 per cent and the SNP option of independence in Europe 25 per cent. In November of last year, support for devolution was 44 per cent, the status quo 18 per cent and independence 34 per cent. Labour can also take some heart from a poll for STV last December which suggests that 73 per cent of Scots would say yes to Labour's assembly in a referendum

and 59 per cent would support giving it tax-raising powers. Labour's electoral resilience should see the majority of Scottish MPs who are returned committed to devolution. How effectively they

deliver could be a different matter. Before the devolution referendum in March 1979 huge support for Labour's assembly was recorded in the polls. When the vote took place. after a campaign had emphasised the problems as well as the promises, only 33 per cent of Scots. voted yes and 32 per cent no. Because of a hurdle erected by

the Labour backbencher George Cunningham, 40 per cent of those eligible had to vote yes before an assembly could be set up. The third who abstained as good as said no. Next time round apathy may be less, and while Labour may be able to ensure Scotland says yes to an assembly it is an altogether different question getting Scots to say yes to paying extra taxes.

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Right, but colleagues suspect his efforts have not

improved Tories' standing.

Future: bleak - defending

a 703 majority.

Tories have presided over rise in prosperity

did? Any exiled Macduff who returned this year after 18 away would find a country greatly changed by four Tory

Scotland's contours are different from England's. Water remains in public hands, only a handful of schools have ever applied for grant-maintained status and a socialist sits for Morningside. The Thatcherite revolution, like the Flying Scotsman, lost a little momenturn as it crossed the border. But to appreciate the scale of change it is important to realise how much more statist the Scotland of the 1970s was than the England of the same

In 1979 more than 60 per cent of Scots lived in council houses, the highest proportion in Europe outside the Warsaw Pact. A third of the working population were employed in the public sector and many others in industries such as heavy engineering depended on government contracts. The number of children educated outside the state sector was below the UK average, and even that figure was inflated by the cultural curiosity of a concentration of private schools in Edinburgh — Jean Brodie was more than myth.

When the Tories won the 1979 election they were, initially, in no mood for rough stuff. The man who Margaret Thatcher wanted to make Scottish Secretary, the best hope for radicalism. Teddy Taylor, lost his seat in Cathcart in 1979. The man who got the job, "Gentleman" George Younger, was a different kind of Tory. The MP for Ayr. now Lord Younger of Prestwick, sought to take the rough edges off Thatcherism for his Scottish audience.

When nationalised industry bosses tried to rationalise their Scottish operations to save the taxpayer's money. Mr Younger stood firm for his countrymen's jobs. On more than one occasion when the Ravenscraig steelworks were threatened with closure, he hinted that he could resign. He kept

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his job and so, for a while, did the steelmen. But while Mr Younger could insulate some Scottish industries from the chill winds of the Eighties, the recession still hit Scotland badly. Like Tyneside and South Wales, Scotland depended disproportionately for jobs on heavy industry. The aluminium smelter in Invergordon, Chrysler plant at Linwood and steel mill at Gartcosh all closed during Mr Younger's period in office.

Nevertheless, he did preside over reforms that Scots embraced. The sale of council houses was bitterly opposed by Labour local authorities but has contributed to Scotland's current level of 58 per cent home ownership. Since 1979, 325,000 tenants have bought their council homes. Mr Younger also set out to replace dying industries with sunrise enterprises.

Since 1981, more than £5 billion has been invested in Scotland from abroad — that has been responsible for some 83,000 jobs. Although Scotland has only 10 per cent of the UK population, it has attracted between 20 and 25 per cent of the jobs created by inward investment. Much of that has been in the Central Belt denuded of jobs by the decline of traditional industries - particularly notable has been the creation of a thriving electronics sector. More than 30 per cent of Europe's personal computers are made in Scotland.

Opposition parties have welcomed the new jobs but lamented the loss of indigenous control of Scottish industry. They have worried about the resilience of Scotland's "branch-line" economy, point-ing to the ease with which multi-nationals can relocate and the takeover of Scottish firms such as Distillers by companies that move head-

quarters out of Scotland. George Younger was succeeded as Scottish Secretary in 1986 by Malcolm Rifkind. With the seals of office. Mr



Sir William Wallace (c.1272-1308), champion of Scottish independence. He was hanged, drawn and quartered in London

Younger also handed over the poisoned chalice of the poll tax, but even before its effects were felt, the Tories were in trouble in Scotland. At the 1987 election, while Mrs Thatcher cruised to a landslide, the complement of Scots Tory MPs was cut from 21 to ten.

Mr Rifkind, although a natural One Nation Tory and out of sympathy with much of the Thatcher project, was forced to conclude that shielding Scotland from full-force Thatcherism had not appeared to work. Perhaps some radical medicine might be in order. He was encouraged in this by one of his new ministers, Michael Forsyth, MP for Stirling, whose reforming zeal at health and education was exceeded only by his ability to put his boss's back up.

Mr Forsyth's reforms and Mr Rifkind's activism in other areas, notably housing, heritage and the Highlands, did not, however, appear to bring popularity. All their reforms were, inevitably, overshadowed by the poll tax. It allowed both Labour and nationalist politicians easy targets. The flat-rate levy offended against Scotland's egalitarian instincts and its early introduction was presented as a slap in the face for a nation audacious enough

not to vote Tory. The SNP, by championing a non-payment strategy, succeeded in attracting particular attention.

Eventually, opposition to the tax in England brought it down, and Mrs Thatcher with it. Her successor moved Mr Rifkind from a Scottish Office poisoned by his poor personal relationship with Mr Forsyth. John Major appointed Jan Lang in his place.

Mr Lang provided a steadying hand and a sharper message on the constitution. Early in his term of office Scottish pride was dealt a devastating blow when privatised British Steel closed the Ravenscraig steelworks. Although at the time that Ravenscraig closed more people were employed by the Loch Ness monster tourist trade, its disappearance was depicted as a symbol of Scotland's de-industrialisation. The new jobs in Silicon Glen were seen as poor recom-

pense by many Scots. Mr Lang favoured an at-tacking defence and in defiance of conventional wisdom but in tune with his leader's instincts, he talked up the Scottish Question". Frightening voters with the potential consequences of change saw the Tories record a tiny increase in their vote and win two extra seats in 1992. Against expectations of a wipeout, it looked like a formidable recovery.

small reforms to the constitution, to assuage nationalist feeling, such as bringing the Scottish Grand Committee, a scrutiny body on which all 72 Scots MPs sit, closer to the people. Whatever benefits the Tories gained from this were. however, undermined by the reform of local government that gave Scotland unitary councils. The blatant way in which potentially Tory-voting areas were turned into local authority enclaves gave rise to accusations of gerrymandering and raised new questions

of accountability. Since 1995 Scotland has been governed by Mr Forsyth. Mr Rifkind's junior returned to a near-uniformly hostile reception but has confounded critics by an activist posture that marries the radicalism of before with a determined effort to cloak Toryism in tartan.

Although Mr Forsyth has been implacable in his opposition to major constitutional change he has genuflected to Scottish sensibilities with a demotic style and grand gestures such as the repatriation of the Stone of Destiny. He has priority by launching an all-

party campaign to deal with a problem which scars many of Mr Lang set in train some

anonymous housing schemes which ring Scotland's major cities. He has also concentrated on crime, introducing mandatory drug-testing in prisons, putting more police on patrol, toughening community sentences and extending the use of closed circuit television. Mr Forsyth presided over a 5 per cent drop in crime figures in 1995, the fourth successive year in which a fall was recorded. The Scotland of Michael

Forsyth has lost the traditional industries that sustained the social solidarity of the 1970s but it has a range of new enterprises that make it the UK's fourth richest region. It has a public sector more efficient but less certain of its status, a population better boused and wealthier but more estranged from their rulers.

it has a cultural self-confidence manifested in a thriving broadcasting and literary sector as well as a revived and generously funded Gaelicspeaking minority. It is a country that has been made prosperous enough by the Tories and the Union to consider a different future.

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THE POLITICIANS

MICHAEL FORSYTH Secretary of State Age: 42

Past: entered Commons in 1983 as hard-right graduate of St Andrews and Westminster Council. Joined Government only after Tories reduced to ten men in Scotland in 1987. A radical junior minister and abrasive Scottish party chairman, he mellowed post-92 as minister at Employment and Home Office before joining Cabinet in 1995. Present unyielding Unionist and hyperactive cam-paigner, still on party's

GEORGE ROBERTSON **Shadow Secretary of State** Age: 50

Past: traditional fixer and Dundee graduate. Beat the nationalists to win 1978 Hamilton by-election and has been their implacable enemy since. Close to Hattersley-Dewar right-wing pro-Europe faction, which delayed his entry to the Shadow Cabinet until 1993. Present: early promise has given rise to disappointment. Fumbled referendum announcement and has presided over recent civil war within Labour ranks. But as

ALEX SALMOND Leader, SNP

Age: 42 Past: Forsyth's contemporary at St Andrews; a student socialist who argued himself into nationalism. Former government economist who packs rhetorical punch. On left of party, elected for Banff and Buchan in 1987; party leader since 1990.

Present: most intellectually impressive politician Scottish nationalism has produced. Kept SNP in second place to Labour for most of this Parliament.

JIM WALLACE Leader, Scottish Lib Dems

Past: Cambridge and Edinburgh-educated advocate who inherited Jo Grimond's Orkney and Shetland seat in 1983. Traditional Scots rural Liberal and dedicated home ruler who replaced exhausted Malcolm Bruce as Scottish Leader in 1992. Present: fell out with Labour over referendum but breach now repaired. Low Commons profile but wellthought-of performance on the ground in Scotland. Future: several Scots Lib

problems with Blairism. Future: referendum cam-

paign and legislation will be headaches.

Future: no credible rival for the leadership. A botched devolution scheme could be exploited by him to argue for greater autonomy.



Dem seats look vulnerable, but PR in a Scottish parliament should ensure that the party has a place in future coalition administrations.

CONSERVATIVES



A Scottish parliament? No. Scotland does very well out of the Westminster Parliament with 72 seats, rather than the 54 it is entitled to on population grounds. Devolution would lead to a questioning of Scotland's representation at Westminster and the Scottish Secretary's seat in the Cabinet, not to mention setting up a rival legislature that separatists could hijack.

Without an assembly how do you defend Scottish interests? Scotland's special needs are catered for by the Secretary of State in the Cabinet, a devolved administration, its distinctive legal and educational systems, the many autonomous bodies such as Scottish Enterprise which control Scottish life, and the Scottish Grand Committee. Moreover, by keeping Scotland out of the social chapter Scottish business enjoys genuine independence.

Is there anything more you can offer? Devolution down to the individual. Moves to give parents greater power over schools and patients, through GP fundholders, over healthcare. Also the transfer of land in the Highlands to individuals gives crofters their own "wee bit, hill and glen".

Can we expect any constitutional change? The situation is always under review and Westminster is flexible but nothing will be contemplated that would weaken the Union.

LABOUR



A Scottish parliament? Yes, with members elected by AMS system. which keeps constituencies but ensures proportionality by topping up party numbers from lists. Gender equality would be guaranteed. Parliament would cover all domestic policy areas except macro-economics and social security, with power to vary taxes by 3p in the pound.

How would we get there? A Labour victory at the general election then a referendum, before any Bill was produced, asking Scots two questions: do they want a parliament, and should it have tax-raising powers?

What if the Scots said no? Labour would drop the scheme. If they said yes to an assembly but no to taxes then Labour would draft a Bill for such a body. (The proposed Welsh assembly does not have tax-raising powers.)

Who would pay any extra income tax, workers or residents in Scotland? Unclear. Other policies? These would, by and large, be decided by the Scottish parliament but there should be a broader increase in decisions being democratised with local authorities ending competitive tendering and quangos

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



A Scottish parliament? Yes, on the same lines as Labour proposes, with gender equality a matter for individ-ual parties not the parliament. The Liberal Democrats would, however, press for federalism now with broadequivalent assemblies across the UK to prevent other regions feeling

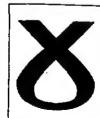
How would we get there? The Liberal Democrats believe that a Commons majority for devolution is mandate enough. A referendum is not necessary when the majority of Scotland's MPs are in

What's wrong with a referendum? A two-question referendum is flawed. The proposed parliament is a finished package worked out between Labour and the Liberal Democrats over years in the Constitutional Convention. Lose the tax-varying powers, and you cripple the parliament before it is up and running.

Who would pay the extra income tax? Residents.

What else would greater self-government entail? Liberal Democrats argue, unlike Labour, that the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster would have to be reduced after an assembly was set up.

SCOTTISH NATIONALISTS



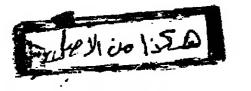
A Scottish parliament? Yes, and it would not be subordinate to Westminster. An independent Scotland would have a written constitution, a Bill of Rights, a modernised relationship with the monarchy, 200 MPs elected by PR and could levy the taxes it wanted in the way Scots wanted.

How would we get there? A majority of SNP MPs elected to Westminster at this election would start negotiations for independence. Short of that, an SNP majority or an SNP-led coalition in a devolved assembly could press for greater autonomy.

How could Scotland survive without the block grant from the UK Exchequer? A new tax regime, oil and gas revenues and an end to subsidising the defence procurement and mortgage interest relief, from which England benefits disproportionately, could release revenue.

Would the EU allow an independent Scotland to stay in? It allowed Germany to unite. It is planning to expand to take in far poorer countries.

What would independence achieve? Apart from the dignity of self-government it would enable Scots to be more radical than new Labour would ever allow, with no nuclear deterrent and higher public spending.



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Ashdown defends his deal with Labour

By Polly Newton, political reporter

warmly applauded. One dele-

gate said later: "We hate

Labour politically, but most of

us realise that there are areas

where we can work together."

agreement exemplified the

Liberal Democrats' "can-do"

approach. They wanted a

new style of co-operation in

In the face of the huge

challenges that faced Britain,

the Conservatives demonstrat-

ed a "puny" lack of vision and "a terrifying lack of ambition for our country", he said. As for Labour, "There is a distant,

uncosted promise of a 10p tax

ban — this year ... next year ... sometime ... never." Lab-our had adopted the Tories'

spending plans and would not

be able to tackle the problems faced by the NHS or by

Our party now carries the

torch of conscience and re-

form. We carry the torch of

radicalism in our defence of individual liberties and pro-

gressive social policies," Mr

He said that the £2 billion

which the Liberal Democrats

would raise through putting

lp on the basic rate of income

tax would provide a primary school with 250 pupils with an extra £16,000 for books, computers and equipment, and a secondary school with 1,000 pupils with an additional £110.000. There would be 35,000 new jobs in pre-school education as a result of the party's commitment to provide a nursery place for every child from the age of three. Mr Ashdown said that the Liberal Democrats were the only party promising to increase income taxes on the highest earners — bringing the rate to 50 percent for those

Asshdown declared.

schools, he said.

Mr Ashdown said that the

PADDY Ashdown defended the Liberal Democrats' deal with Labour on constitutional reform yesterday after claims from some activists that it could cost his party votes.

Mr Ashdown told delegates to the Liberal Democrats' spring conference in Cardiff: "We have been able to work and agree with the Labour Party in this one crucial area despite our different values. our different policies and our different beliefs. Now that may be criticised by some. But it will be a great source of hope for millions in Britain who despair of politicians ever working together for the good of the country." Last week a joint Labour-Liberal Democrat document was published setting out plans for Scottish and Welsh assemblies, a Bill of Rights and reform of the

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House of Lords. The prospective parliamentary candidate for Ceredigion and Pembroke North, Dai Davies, who said he did not want the Liberal Democrats to work "hand in hand" with Labour. was later said to have been

"carpeted" by his party leader. Mr Ashdown's insistence that the deal with Labour was a positive achievement was



Vicar who defied call to resign preaches on 'wounds'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND's first black woman team vicar, the Rev Eve Pitts, preached on with spirit and determination vesterday, one week after her diocesan bishop issued an open letter explaining why he had asked her to resign. In a service on the Feast of

the Transfiguration, she re-ferred to the "wounds" suffered by all present, and told her congregation: "When things are down and you feel as if you want to give up, put yourself in Jesus's place, and say. 'Here I am, do with me as you will."

Life was not always a straight path, she continued in her sermon delivered in a dilapidated community centre on the Druid's Heath estate. Birmingham, a mile down the road from the 13th-century church of St Nicolas, where she ran the 9.15am family service for two years.

"Sometimes we have to go down into the valleys. This



morning, the suffering Messiah reminds us that on the road to suffering. He also received glory. May I reas-sure you that the glory of God can be in all your hearts. This morning, that suffering Messiah can walk the streets of Druid's Heath."

Maureen and Ray Harvey

a roadside attack, and whose funeral was taken by Mrs Pitts, were among the 30 worshippers at the service shorn of trappings. Harveys have collected 600 signatures on a petition in support of Mrs Pitts, who was

to have taken the wedding

service for their son in June. Mr Harvey said: "She has given us support beyond her nastoral duties. She is the kind of person who gives the Church credibility.

Mrs Pins has remained silent about what lies behind the pastoral breakdown ben her and the Res Mortin

Leigh, the rector of King's Norton team ministry. Mrs. Pitts was asked by the Bishop of Birmingham, to resign after she stood up during a Nicolas and accused Mr Leigh of using her "as a doormat". She has so far

Doctor with Aids virus faces GMC hearing

BY ADRIAN LEE

ALMOST 6,000 women have contacted helplines since it emerged that a gynaecologist who worked at five hospitals was infected with the Aids virus. Patrick Ngosa, born in Zambia, will face a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing in London today.

He must answer claims that he infected a woman, with whom he allegedly had an affair, with the Aids virus and failed to undergo tests when he knew he was probably HIV positive. By late yesterday afternoon 5,684 calls had been made to two helplines.

Although most accepted they were at little risk, some callers were said to be distraught and offered counselling. Almost 50 women have already undergone Aids tests in the Southend area.

It is understood that the infected woman has subsequently withdrawn her complaint, made several months ago. But the GMC will want to know why the doctor, a married man who worked in obstetrics and gynaecology, did not have a test sooner.

on £100,000 a year or more, to the income tax system. Ashdown addressing William Rees-Mogg, page 20 Action man happy to be grandfather

THE leader of the Liberal Democrats professed himself "absolutely delighted" yesterday at the prospect of becom-ing a grandfather, dismissing claims that he feared it would

dent his action-man image. The baby, the first for his daughter. Kate, who lives in France, is due next month. A newspaper report suggested that Mr Ashdown, 56, was keen to keep the event a secret because it would emphasise the fact that he is the oldest of the three main party leaders.

Mr Ashdown's wife, Jane, said yesterday that the suggestion was nonsense and had caused "a lot of hurt". Mrs Ashdown, who had just visited Kate, will go to France after, the birth although the baby is expected in the middle of the election campaign.

Mr Ashdown said yester-

day: "The baby is due in April, and I am thrilled." He chose not to mention the happy event in his speech to Liberal Democrat delegates at the party's spring conference in Cardiff, although he did make a reference to all the babies that are to be born in Britain

An Ashdown aide said there had been plans to mention the baby in the speech, but they were rejected because of Mr Ashdown's disapproval of pol-iticians using their families in campaigning at every

opportunity.
The aide said that Mr Ashdown was greatly looking forward to being a grandfather and had not tried to conceal the fact. "I thought everybody knew about it. He talks about it at almost every

Spies go on line to brief

BY MICHAEL EVANS

ministers

INTELLIGENCE scoops by British spies are now flashed to special computer terminals around Whitehall.

The security and intelli-gence services have been linked to government departments by an encrypted electronic messaging system.
The development is partly in response to the criticisms levelled at Whitehall and the intelligence agencies by Sir Richard Scott in his report on

the arms-to-Iraq inquiry.
Sir Richard detailed shortcomings in how intelligence material was circulated to the appropriate ministries. The software for the UK Intelligence Messaging Network was designed in Britain and has been installed with the use

of fibre optics. The three security and intelligence agencies - MI6, MI5 and GCHQ, the government communications centre at Cheltenham in Gloucestershire - have been linked to the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and the Department of Trade and Industry.

Computer chips and the social potatoes

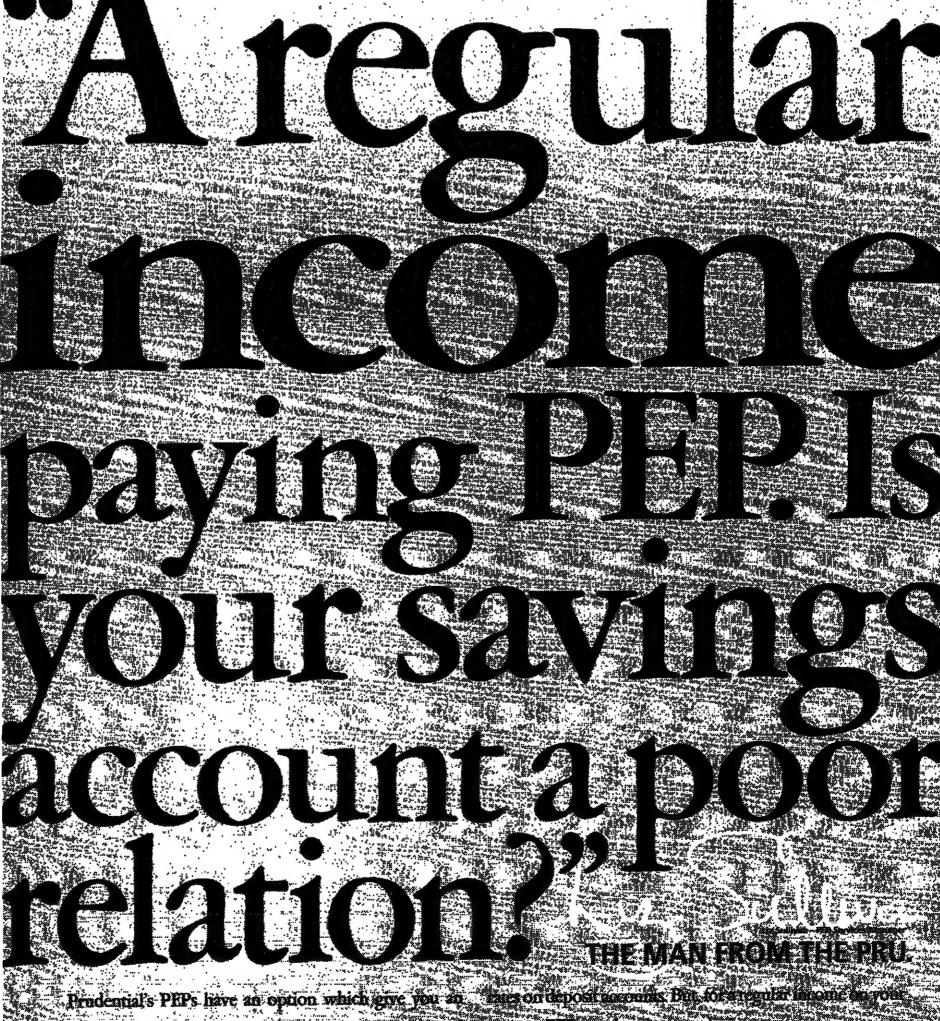
By TIM JONES

COMPUTER addicts are being recognised with a new status placing them somewhere between motivated and muscular - but only in a dictionary. The Oxford University Press is to define them in its next edition under the name: mouse potatoes.

The people who sit for hours surfing the global network rather than enjoying a social life will be defined as being seen by many as "having a twilight existence, cut off from reality". Some are also defined by an addiction to "cybersex" on e-mail.

The new Oxford English Dictionary will include scores of computer-speak phrases which are edging their way into common usage. Internet users are "netizens" and 'cybernauts". There is also "kibo", the web slang for God.

Helen McManners, an OUP spokeswoman, said: "Couch potatoes are a new breed joining yuppies, bimbos, toyboys and others who have earned a place in the English language."



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Future of village greens rests on ruling by Lords

A THIRD of an acre of boggy land in the heart of a hamlet mentioned in the Domesday Book has become a battlefield where the legal definition of the English village green will

The argument, which is destined to go to the House of Lords for settlement, pits the parish council of Sunningwell in Oxfordshire, backed by the Countryside Commission, against the trustees of the Diocese of Oxford, seconded by the Church Commissioners. At issue is whether the Church can sell off its property for housing development or whether it has been used as common land for so long that it has become a village green

The Right Rev Richard Har-ries, Bishop of Oxford, is caught in the middle, with parishioners accusing him of being more interested in money than the welfare of the people. Avis Mulhearn, chairwoman of the parish council, has boycotted the village church in protest at the proposed sale and has drafted in the backing of the Countryside Commission to help to argue the case before the courts.

The commission, which normally stays out of legal arguments, has decided to join the fight because it considers that this is a test case that can sort



out once and for all what constitutes a village green. The field became the proper ty of the village church. St Leonard's in 1871, when it was obtained by the rector in exchange for glebe land further away from the church. A

glebe is property donated to the church which is supposed to be used to provide income to pay the local clergy, but for decades the field at Sunningwell has been used as common land. Twenty years ago the Gen-eral Synod decided to take

glebe lands out of the control of the local clarge the local ciergy and administer them through committees of experts so that their potential could be realised. In 1991 the Oxford glebe committee sought to derive income from the field at Sunningwell by applying for planning permission to build two four-bedroom houses on a third of an acre of it. The Vale of White Horse District Coun-

Registration Act, any private land that had been used as a green for 20 years qualified as a village green provided that it was unfenced and was not cil, under pressure from the used secretly even though the owner had not given express permission for the public to go there. "That definition has been muddied by later High Court rulings which say that those using the land need to believe they have the right to do so because they live in the area." Paul Johnson, the Countryside Commission's legal expert on village greens, said. That interpretation does not seem to achieve what Parliament meant and we will have to ask the Lords."

housing, gave planning con-

sent and immediately the val-

ue of the ground shot up from

about £100,000. The council,

however, now backs the par-

ish and has contributed £2,500

to its legal costs. "Under trust rules the diocese has a respon-

sibility to make the most of the

income that can be derived

from a glebe," Richard Thom-

as, the Oxford diocesan

lined in 1991 when the bishop

lost a case in the High Court

against the Church Commis

sioners. He argued that the Church should not be re-

quired to place its money in

the most profitable invest-

ments but the court ruled that

the overriding obligation was

designate it as one. Having failed, the parish has applied

for a judicial review in the

High Court. Whatever the

ruling, the issue is seen as so

important that it will bypass

Under the 1965 Commons

the Court of Appeal and move

straight to the Lords.

Development on a registered village green is illegal, so the parish tried to persuade Oxford County Council to

to make money.

The legal duty was under-

The Rev Tom Gibbons, the rector of St Leonard's, said: We ought to be looking at what is the aim of our Church: to preach the Gospel or to



The Middle Temple hall. The practice of students eating dinners at their Inn goes back to the 13th century

Inns of Court scrap medieval dinners rule for Bar students

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Bar tradition dating from medieval times whereby student barristers have to "eat dinners" at their Inn of Court to qualify at the Bar is to be

Students on the one-year Bar vocational course will no longer have to eat 18 formal dinners in the hall of their Inn during term times, wearing their gowns and complying with various customs and rituals as they have done since the 13th century.

The move, to be brought in this October, constitutes a return to the Inns' traditional role in providing education for student barristers — the first formal lnns' teaching. apart from some recent advocacy courses, since 1600. Proposals will go before the Council of the Inns of Court this week from all four Inns Middle and Inner Temple. Gray's and Lincoln's - enabling students to choose from various activities at

their Inn, including residen-

tial weekends, one-day lec-

ture programmes or lecture

evenings combined with bufto date, which needed to be fet suppers. Formal dining in hall will

still be on offer, but eating dinners will no longer be required for students to notch up the necessary qualifying units in order to keep terms. Lord Justice Staughton, a

Court of Appeal judge and treasurer of the Inner Temple, said: "It is not so much abolishing a tradition as bringing a great tradition up

done." Brigadier Peter Little, sub-treasurer of the Inner Temple, said: "In a sense, we are returning to the original idea of what keeping terms meant and making it an essential part of the education

of a barrister." When students do still dine in hall, the dinners will be combined with activities such as lectures or debates, he added. The traditional idea of the

DINING FOR DINING'S SAKE

The cost to students ranges from £7.50 for a three-course meal to £20 for a "grand night". Rituals vary from Inn to Inn. At some, if students fail to toast their colleagues in the right order or commit some other faux pas they could be asked to deliver an impromptu speech. Colin Davidson. catering manager of the Mid-dle Temple, said yesterday's menu was: cream of vegetable soup, roast loin of pork and roast potatoes with broccoli cheesecake. The cost, heavily

subsidised, was £7.50. Students sit in a group or "mess" of four on long tables. One bottle of wine is provided for each mess. The benchers had a different menu (melon and figs. noisettes of lamb and sorbet baskets) and better quality wines. But recently the Inns have become more aware that eating dinners have become "dining for dining's sake".

dinners is that students absorb the ethos of the Bar and mingle with their contemporaries and with the benchers of the inns - the QCs and

judges who are its governors. The Inns had been urged to review the system because, from next autumn, several institutions outside London will be providing the Bar vo-cational course. Students outside London would have had to travel hundreds of miles.

Martin Bowley, QC, a bencher of the Inner Temple who has led the call for reform, welcomed the proposals. He had argued that if students had to travel to the dinners, it would "result in the social base for recruiting Bar students becoming nar-rower, and it is already too

The report from the Inns to their governing body, the council is likely to be approved and then to go to the Bar Council. The Bar Council said it supported the changes.

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NEWS AND Mrs Scargill arrested in mine protest

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Anne Scargill, wife of the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, was arrested and released twice yesterday morning, without charge. while protesting against open-cast mining near the home of Richard Budge, the owner of the RJB mining company.

Mrs Scargill, 52, was among several demonstrators arrested at Wiseton, Nottingharnshire. After she was released, she said: "I don't know why they arrested me. They shoved me in the bus and said it was for breach of the peace."

Bishops hit home

Bishops join street sellers of The Big Issue today. The Bishop of Guildford, the Right Rev John Gladwin, said: This draws attention to the need for political parties to take homelessness more seriously."

Comet relief

The comet Hale-Bopp will be more noticeable in the evenings over the next fortnight, peaking by the end of the month. It is already visible as a smudge of light in the northwest sky before dawn.

Global conquest

The global audience for the BBC World Service has grown to 143 million listeners a week, up three million on last year. The main increases came from re-broadcasts in Poland, and in French for Africa.

Pond accident

The daughter of the writer and broadcaster Muriel Gray was critically ill in hospital after falling into a garden pond in Bearsden, Glasgow. Twoyear-old Rowan Barbour is described as critical but stable.

Too many cooks

Benefit fraud investigators who went to a restaurant in Nottingham found the chefs had fled, leaving pans bubbling over on the cookers. The campaign against dole fraud has saved £640,000.

Clarke tops poll

A survey of about 100 MPs chose Kenneth Clarke as the most impressive parliamentarian this winter. This is the first time a Tory has been selected since 1993 - when the top man was also Mr Clarke.

Avis Mulhearn by the disputed piece of boggy land

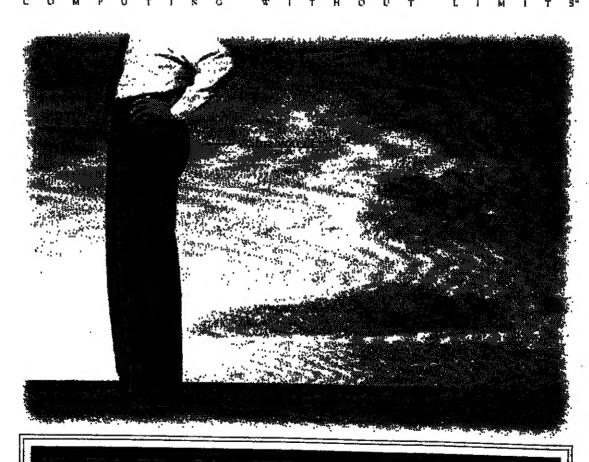
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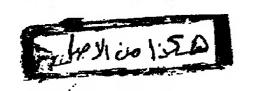


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Farmers outraged by South African anti-eviction Bill

FROM R.W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa's mainly white farmers are up in arms against the introduction by the ANC-led Government of a new Bill aimed at making it new Bill aimed at making it extremely difficult — and in some cases impossible — to evict black workers living on their farms.

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The Government has been shocked by the fury of the farmers' opposition to the measure and has hurriedly suspended advertisements publicising the workers' new rights pending further neg-

The crisis over the Bill has highlighted the parlous state of relations between the Government and the farmers. During the liberation struggle farmers were seen as epitomising brutal white

supremacy. In part this was simply because farmers were the central historic figures of Afrikanerdom (in Afrikaans Boer means "farmer") but it

circulated for generations of farmers beating their African workers, sometimes even to death. Farmers' organisations do not deny that such atrocities took place but insist that such cases are now rare.

This cuts no ice at all with ANC organisations such as the National Land Committee, which wants to see the expro priation of white-owned land and argues that "it is high time the Government realised with something close to an iron fist".

Farmers, for their part, are close to despair at the contin-uing high rate of murderous attacks on farmers and their families, and in some parts of the country they have demanded the public hanging of such assailants. Most own a considerable armoury of guns and the farmers' organisations operate their own collective security networks known as Farmers' Watch.

of large-scale rustling of their livestock and many of them have spent heavily on security systems, including electrified wire, closed-circuit television and their own radio alarm systems. In addition, many farmers, fearing land invasions and suspecting that the Government would bring in security of tenure legislation. have been pre-emptively evicting farm workers from their

land for several years.

One of the key provisions of the new Bill is a clause which gives farm workers the right to have visitors stay with them. Farmers believe that this will encourage further land invasions and that, if large numbers of strangers are allowed to roam their farms, rustling is bound to increase.

The farmers look uneasily

northwards to the way Zimbabwe's President Mugabe has incessantly railed against white farmers since independence, without ever redistributing land to the poor.



Drought threat in Kenya A dead camel near a dry dam outside Wajir district in northeastern Kenya symbolises the loss of 30 to 50 per cent of the area's livestock,

herders, whose economy re-lies on animals. December's utive rainy seasons failed in

wiped out after three consec-

short rains failed entirely, starving cattle, goats and camels. Cereal prices are rising, adding to food shortages. In Wajir, 300 miles

ber. "We have a situation which is serious and moving towards an emergency," according to Adam Leach of

Beijing on alert after bus bombing

FROM JAMES PRINGLE

EXTRA police were on duty yesterday at venues frequent-ed by foreign tourists, after the official media admitted at the weekend that an explosion on a passenger bus in the busy Xidan shopping district on Friday was caused by a home-

Anyone with any information about the explosion was substantial reward was promised if any tip led to the arrest of the bomber or bombers. There was no indication of whom the authorities thought might be to blame, though police have told bus conductors to keep an eye on members of the Uighur comm-unity, an ethnic Turkic-speaking minority from northwest Xinjiang province who want more autonomy.

In Taipei last night Taiwan's state-funded Central News Agency reported that Xinjiang separatists based in Kazakhstan had claimed re-sponsibility for the Beijing

Sick Zaire awaits the healing knife of Kabila's rebels

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MARCEL punched the buttons on the lift he operates in Zaire's Information Ministry and sulked. "I got paid yesterday in prostates. That's sick. You can't eat prostates," he

He meant the latest currency launched on the public, bills of more than 100,000 zaires which the entire population has boycotted and named after President

Mobutu's cancerous gland. What did Marcel think of the frantic diplomatic efforts in the United Nations and world capitals that have been launched to put an end to Zeire's civil war which, lead-

the destabilisation of the nine its borders"?

Nothing, he plied, What tate is symbolic of the myth that

Zaire is what you would call a tions with. "I do not know state. It's not anything but a name for a country. The whole place is dying of cancer, its bones have gone." He has a point, and shares it with the vast majority of fellow Zaireans living in the capital, Kinshasa, where operations are conducted under can nibalised car headlights and

teachers are paid in food. Nobody, save the Zaireans seems to have noticed that Zaire has quietly disintegrated economically and administratively. They want Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader, to march into the capital to put an end to Zaire's non-government. "Zaire has already disintegrated economically into separate parts," said an economic expert at a Western

The diamond and gold-rich provinces of east and west Kasai boycotted the introduc tion of the "new zaire", which replaced a currency trading at six million to the dollar, in 1993. As a snub to the central Government the ancient notes are still the only "legal tender" in the provinces. The "prostates", which can be used to pay government taxes but for nothing else, trade at less than half their face value.

The economic chaos has been more than matched by Zaire's Monty Python ap-

6 Zaire is only Mr Kabila retalks brokered by Presi Mandela President South Africa, his main worry was that he did not know who he was being asked to open negotia-

> Mr Kabila is being asked to accept a ceasefire along his front in eastern Zaire where government forces, unpaid and seldom resupplied, have abandoned vast tracts of land

or strategic towns firing a shot. Kabila should stop fighting now. He will soon take Kisangami, and that could result in a change of government at the centre. Just what everyone wants to see," said a European diplomat. Marcel was more direct. "Bring us

Kabila," he said.

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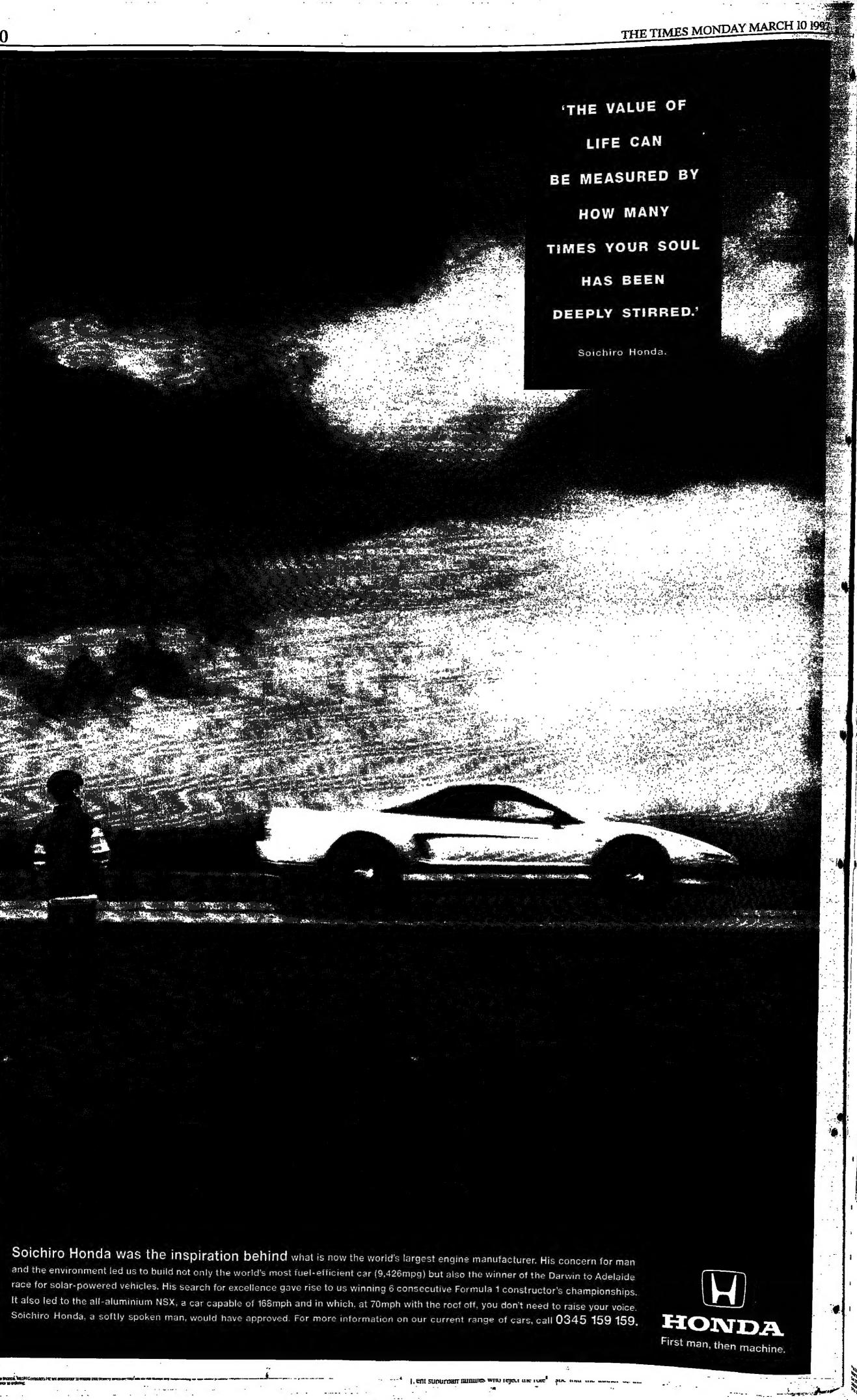
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Albanian townsfolk seize army base

Civilians are injured as leaderless crowd loots armoury

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN GJIROKASTER

THE largest military base in southern Albania fell into rebel hands at the weekend after an abortive commandostyle raid by forces loyal to President Berisha precipitated an uprising in Gjirokaster and the defection of local troops.

The loss of the beautiful

Ottoman town with its Byzantine fortress and extensive arsenal consolidates the rebels' grip on southern Alba-nia and is the most serious blow to the fortunes of the Government and those attempting to prevent civil war.

There shall be no concessions to Berisha now," said Colonel Xhevat Kochin, figurehead of the rebel forces in the region after the fall of the town. There is no political solution for him left, and unless he has lost his reason he should resign immediately.

Berisha has only two teeth left in his mouth but we shall continue to be vigilant, for even without teeth the wolf can bite."

While Colonel Kochin appeared to be in command of the region stretching from Sarande northwards, General Agim Gozhita claimed to be in control of Gjirokaster, ordering teenagers to hand in their weapons and vowing to pun-

Last night General Gozhita warned the population of an impending assault by govern-ment troops and called on everyone to lay in stocks of food and supplies. Although food is reasonably plentiful, there were long queues outside bread shops yesterday morning. There is some petrol available, but supplies are being taken over by groups of armed young men for military

In the abortive raid on Saturday, three helicopters flew south down the Drinos valley, landing at a military airfield at the edge of Gjirokaster. Up to 60 Special Forces troops disembarked,



One of the thousands of armed Albanians who took part in anti-government demonstrations in the southern port of Sarande at the weekend

hardening the army's hold on the town and using it as a base from which to attack the nearby rebel strongholds of

Delvine and Sarande. Their arrival at the town's police station provoked hordes of Albanians to pour into the streets around the building, while other groups surround-ed the local barracks, location of the arsenal. The situation grew rapidly out of control as it became apparent that President Berisha's men did not have the support of their police, whom they then threatened with automatic weapons. Gjirokaster was named

after the Greek Princess Agyro who threw herself from the citadel's tower in the 15th century rather than surrender to a besieging Turkish army. The local garrison com-mander was not prepared to

make any similar gesture of honour on Saturday. His force had been depleted by desertion over the past three weeks from more than 1,000 men to

shots from his soldiers over the heads of the encircling mass of townsfolk, who grew ever more belligerent to a chorus of "Down with the dictator Berisha", exacerbated the situation. The commander ordered his men to hand over

their weapons to the people and the crowd flooded in. breaching the arsenal doors and seizing the weapons before rushing back to the police station together with the de-fecting soldiers.

The Special Forces troops, abandoned by the helicopter pilots, fled to the hills, Whether by courageous intent or terrible miscalculation, a fourth government helicopter the leg and dragged away with

leaderless crowd looted the barracks for several hours. It was the ugly face of what had been a relatively bloodless spontaneous putsch. Ten-yearold children scrambled with adults and local maña gangs to seize whatever weapons they could, firing them in displays of wild jubilation. "Hey, mister, you want a

by the rebels. The apparently

Opposition agrees to an early poll

PRESIDENT Berisha yesteropposition parties on holding elections within two months and the formation of an allparty government.

But, despite raised hopes in the capital, the agreement is unlikely to satisfy the southern rebels whose remorseless advance continued at the

So divided has Albania

whether anyone in Tirana represents the rebels' wishes. Emboldened by the fall of Gjirokaster on Saturday and with the prospect of taking the oil-rich triangle between Kucove, Ballsh and Fler in the coming days, they are unlikely to settle for anything less than the President's resig-

Realising that he may well be playing his last card, the President was conciliatory in his address to the nation.

liament should declare a general amnesty for all those involved in the revolt, including civilians and army personnel," he said on state television, declaring "a day of national mourning and pray-er for all those who died."

Blendi Gonzhja, spokes-man for the Democratic Forum, said: "The agreement is very good. Whether it will be respected or not is different. We're very worried about whether this will be accepted

surprise?" one child said as he pulled a pin out of one of the thousands of grenades that were being scattered over the ground. Another boy, even

younger, stuck a loaded pistol into a stranger's face, his eyes wide with new-found power. As car boots were loaded up with heavy machineguns, mortars and rockets, gre-nades, rossed like discarded fruit, exploded all over the base, and a teenager was killed by his brother as they grappled over an assault rifle. As well as tanks, mortars and anti-aircraft guns the base had at least 25 field artillery pieces together with extensive ammunition stocks. All are now under the control of the rebels, whose gunboats patrol

the coast, and whose militias dominate virtually the whole of southern Albania. The last unit of government troops. near the border crossing to Greece at Kakavi, had also abandoned their allegiance to

Rebels threaten Berisha's hold on oilfields



Albania's reluctant troops face a determined resistance in the mountains, writes Tom Walker in Ballsh

THEY call it the Albanian Texas. Ninety miles south of Tirana is Ballsh, a strategic railhead among a sea of nodding donkeys. The southern rebels have President Berisha's tanks and guns — soon, they might have his oil.

From here the road corkscrews southeast through a cocktail of pollution, poverty and sublime beauty. Oil up to two million tonnes a vear snews from the earth here - leaks from rusting pipes and blackened containers, choking lakes and streams. The villages are tangles of terra-cotta tiles, mules, satellite dishes and rusting cars, with snow-capped peaks shimmering in the distance.

And tanks. Around a corner submerged in early spring crocuses, four decrepit Soviet T54s growl and sputter, their guns pointing at the pass a thousand feet above. All the President's men are here - 60 reluctant soldiers, sleeping, heads resting on the sun-drenched rocks in the riverbed; dozens of blue-uniformed policemen, anxious and confused; and the faithful leather jackets of the Shik secret service, pistols and walkie-talkies at the ready. The northernmost frontline

in Albania's surreal little war has been reached. Ushered across the gov-ermment-held bridge, we snake gingerly up the hair-pins in our hired white Mercedes. Rifle shots crack out from the farms dotted all around, but at the rebel roadblock - a fallen tree we are given a friendly Welcome

At the top of the pass is Fratar, the first rebel-held village on the route south to Tepelene and Gjirokaster. Any number of spokesmen dash forward, anxious to give their account of why Fratar is going to war. "Berisha gave our money to

the police in the north so they could come to kill us." screams a gap-toothed adolescent excitedly. "He is a dog, a chien, capisco, eh?"

scampers on all fours, panting, doing his best canine impression of the President. A volley crashes from another hilltop near by. echoing over the olive groves. *Our leaders are academics from the mountains. There are 5,000 of us who will fight here," pronounces 14-year-old Gezim Voloj in faultiess (talian, "When you write, do not say

the Albanian people." Back at the bridge in the valley beneath, the atmoophere is nervous. Two of the tanks have disappeared into the surrounding mountains, but no one will say where. As we climb the bends back south towards Ballsh, a Fiat lorry packed with police overtakes precariously, but a hundred vards ahead skids to a juddering halt and reverses

The back opens and two policemen hurl themselves downhill, running for the nearest houses. The air is alive with rifle and automatic fire, and the whimpers of half a dozen foreign ournalists in a ditch. The ambush lasts for 20 minutes, ending with the police van speeding crazily back to the government bridge. Our cars limp on through the stunning colours of twilight to Ballsh, white towels fluttering from the windows.

Back towards Fratar the electricity lines have been cut. The army is still at the bridge, but now the firing is heavier. Somewhere in the hills, what sounds like a tank opens up.

"We have orders from the President that we should not attack for 48 hours," says the Shik officer. "Now

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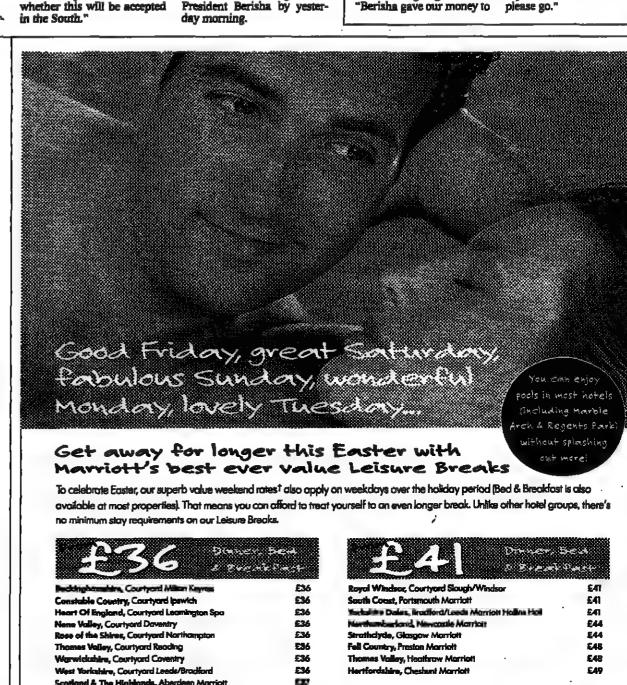
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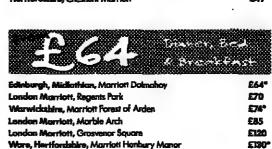
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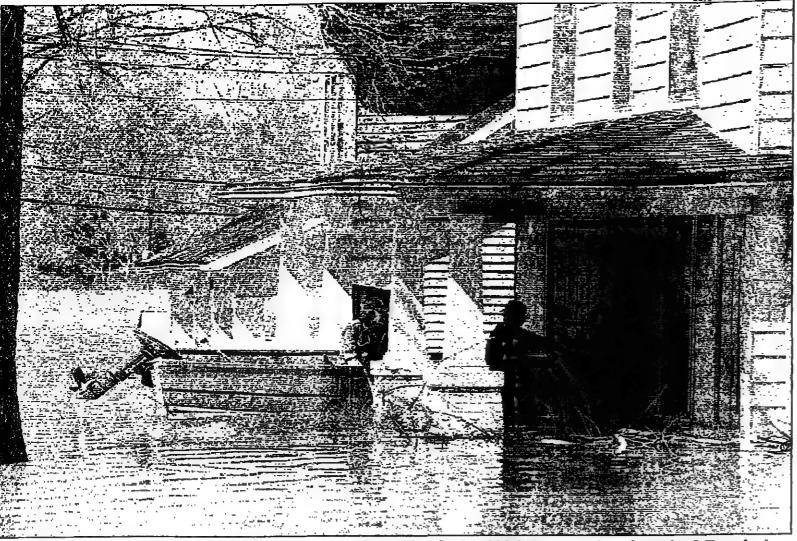
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US politicians were alerted to Chinese funding

From Bronwen Maddox in Washington

THE FBI warned six members of Congress last summer that the Chinese Government wanted to funnel illegal campaign contributions to them through companies and individuals in order to influence policy, it emerged yesterday.

Dianne Feinstein, a Democratic Senator for California who sits on the Foreign Relations Committee, received the FBI briefing on June 14. She decided on Friday to return \$12,000 (£7,500) in campaign contributions from donors linked with the Lippo Group, an Indonesian conglomerate with investments in China, even though it remains unclear whether those payments were part of a Chinese government plan

Yesterday's disclosures by The Washington Post, auributed to American government officials, come during a whirlwind of allegations about Democratic fundraising practices in the last election. It is

illegal for candidates to accept any foreign contributions, but suggestions that the Chinese Government sought to buy influence with cash have caused the greatest concern, coming at a strained point in US-Chinese relations, when many Americans fear that China will soon be an economic rival and military threat.

Government officials believe they have "specific and credible" information of Chinese plans to spend nearly \$2 million to influence congressional campaigns from the spring of 1995 onwards, and "conclusive evidence" that some reached America last year. According to yesterday's reports, 'the FBI warnings were delivered to members of Congress in individual classified briefings, which said: "We have reason to believe that the Government of China may try to make contributions to mem-

bers of Congress through Asian donors."

However, officials are not clear whether the money reached campaigns, nor has the Justice Department found that any Congress member knowingly received illegal payments from China. The Chinese Embassy in Washington has denied allegations that it or the Beijing Govern-

the American elections.

Leon Panetta, the former White House Chief of Staff, said yesterday that neither he nor the President knew of any FBI warning about Chinese attempts to contribute cash. He added that the Justice Department was right to investigate the matter "because clearly this kind of thing should not happen". The Justice Department task force was created last year to investigate the question of fundraising techniques, and has focused on the question of

ment attempted to influence

foreign influence. The new details have emerged from the Justice investigation into the role of John Huang, a former Lippo Group executive appointed by Mr Clinton to the Commerce Department, who later became a top Democratic fundraiser.

Officials are also examining the role of Johnny Chung and Charles Yah Lin Trie, two other Taiwanese-Americans with a central role in the Clinton campaign's fundraising. The Democratic National Committee has now returned almost \$3 million of contributions raised by Mr Huang and others because the donors were not identified or were foreign.

Mr Panetta said yesterday that he could not explain why Mr Huang had visited the White House 78 times during the campaign, Mr Chung 49 times and Mr Trie more than 20 times. He added that the White House often issued thousands of invitations in a week, and while the Secret Service checked whether guests would pose a physical threat to the President, linle care had been taken to probe their backgrounds.



Feinstein: returned \$12,000 contributions:

Pentagon papers reveal 'dirty war' in Latin America

Tom Rhodes in Washington

THE United States helped to organise a covert training programme throughout Latin America, at least until the early 1980s, that led to a string of kidnappings, torture and deaths.

Newly released papers by the Pentagon show that US Army training manuals, intended as instructional materials to help friendly governments fight Communist rebels, were instead used as handbooks for clandestine operations against domestic political opponents.

The manuals, known as Project X, taught foreign officers to offer a bounty for the capture or death of insurgents, spy on non-violent political opponents, kidnap family members of rebels and blackmail unwanted informants.

Last year the Pentagon disclosed that the training booklets were distributed at the US Army School of the Americas, the camp now at Fort Benning in Georgia which trains South and Central American military officers and has long been known as the school for dictators.

The new documents, however, prove that the original manuals, first written by counter-insurgency experts in 1965, gained a far wider circulation among US military personnel working in

Latin America. Project X is thought to have been discontinued in the early 1980s when the American-funded joint foreign intelligence assistance programme came to an end. But some of the manuals were used on an occasional basis until the Defence Intelligence Agency ordered they be withdrawn in 1991.

The Pentagon attempted yesterday to play down the significance of the latest papers, arguing that the number of "objectionable passages" were no more than two dozen in three training manuals out of 300.

The original documents were first written by experts at the US Army Intelligence School. They included lessons in creating "black, grey or white" lists of potential enemies.

enemies.

Guidelines were given on aerial surveillance, electronic eavesdropping, interrogation, censorship and counter-sabotage measures. The most damaging passages advised the abduction of family members and the "prioritisation" of opponents for "abduction, exile, physical beatings and

execution".

Even infiltration and suppression of democratic political groups was recommended, including political parties, unions, religious and student groups.

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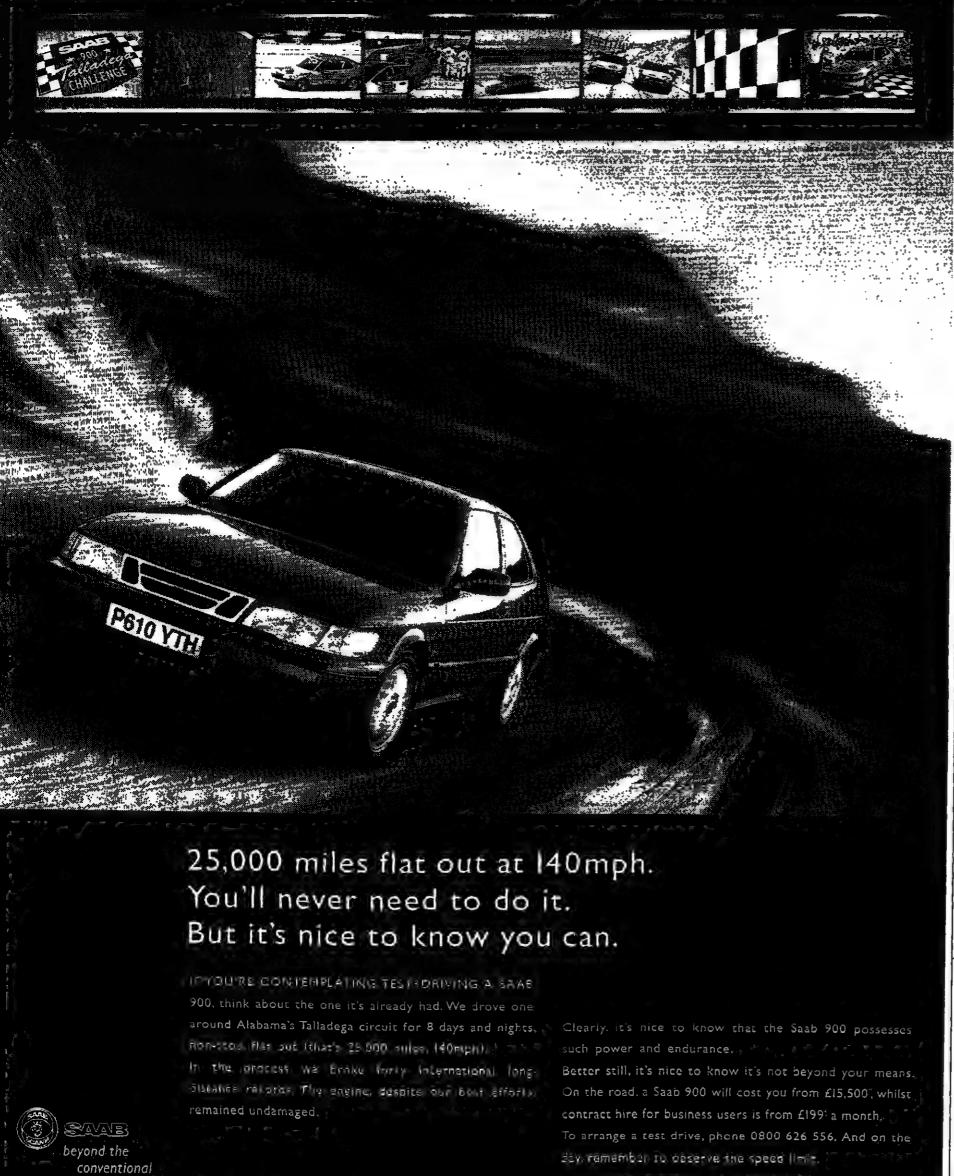
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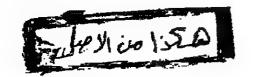
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RAF crew in fraud inquiry

London: RAF flight crew inolved in Nato operations over Bosnia have been questioned by military police in an Inquiry into alleged fraudulent expenses claims (Michael Ev-

It is believed that up to 50 pilots and navigators, serving in Goia del Colle, Italy, are involved. The expenses were for hotel stays during briefings at other bases. The inquiry could lead to courts martial.

Netanyahu faces revolt

Jerusalem: Binyamin Netariyahu was fighting to hold his ruling coalition together after nine months as Prime Minis-ter (Christopher Walker writes). At least eight right-wing deputies plan to vote against the Government in a no-confidence motion, alleg-ing Mr Netanyahu has willingly given up part of the Biblical land of Israel.

Pit protests hit tax talks

Bonn: The fate of cross-party talks on German tax reforms was in the balance yesterday after opposition Social Democrats pulled out in sympathy with miners protesting at government plans to slash coal

Protests swept Germany's mining regions and tempers ran high as miners took to the streets. (Reuter)

Cadets held after killings

Moscow: Two students at a Russian military college who fled with arms and ammunition after one of them shot dead five fellow cadets and an instructor yesterday surren-dered to police and troops.

The two cadets, aged about 18, were tracked down after the incident at the Kamyshin Military College, north of Volgograd. (Reuter)

Pioneer of H-bomb dies

Los Alamos: Carson Mark, a Manhattan Project scientist who led the team of physicists that developed the hydrogen bomb, has died aged 83 from complications after a fall, a Plaughter said. He joined the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos in May 1945 and stayed after the war to head the theoretical division which developed the H-bomb. (AP)

Ivory ban

Abidjan: The Ivory Coast is to ban the ivory trade so as to protect the elephant. A new decree regulates ivory import and export and orders nationwide collection and itemising of ivery products. (AFP)



Bonn expels US envoy for hi-tech espionage

From Roger Boyes in bonn

THE German authorities have expelled an American diplomat for trying to obtain high-tech economic secrets, in the first such spy case since the Second World War. Der Spiegel news magazine, in its issue to be published today, claims that the expulsion was handied quietly and the diplomat was withdrawn rather than declared persona non grata.

The move reflects the new assertiveness of the German domestic intelligence, service and a growing impatience in Bonn with American espionage activity. The Central Intelligence Agency and other US federal agencies have large stations in Germany.

In part this is a legacy of the Cold War, since much of the espionage work against the Soviet Union was carried out from German soil and in close liaison with the German intelligence services. It was also legal for the CIA to spy in Germany on Germans in so far as the Americans were protecting the security of the US bases in the country.

However, as the CIA's mission has shifted — focusing increasingly on economic and scientific information — so it has become more uncomfortable to its host countries in Western Europe. France, in particular, has been suspicious of the CIA station in

Paris. According to Der Spiegel. the expelled diplomat was

officials from Bonn's Economics Ministry and attempting to obtain information on sophisticated technological projects. The State Department refused to comment, and neither the CIA nor the German agencies

were available for comment. Der Spiegel's leak, however, is regarded as more than usually authentic. Decisions on spy expulsions have to be relayed to the parliamentary home affairs committee, which includes several articulate Social Democrats who have friendly relations with

A British Secret Intelligence Service agent was quietly removed from her post in Berlin last year after she was named in the press. Three German spies were detained initially on the suspicion that they were illegally selling secrets to Britain. These charges were dropped, but an internal investigation nonetheless showed that the agents had tried to profit financially from a shared intelligence-gathering operation mounted by

Germany and Britain. The background to the case was one of infighting in the BND, the German external intelligence service. The BND. based outside Munich, is nowadays a far quieter place. The American expulsion is believed to have been generated entirely by the Cologne-based Federal Agency for the Protection of the Constitution, the



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Chirac to shed his de Gaulle image

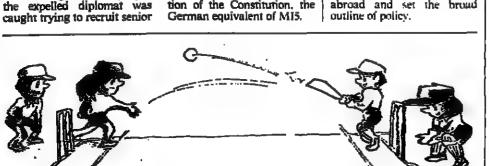
BY ADAM SAGE

PRESIDENT CHIRAC will put aside his elevated Gaullist conception of the French presidency tonight in an attempt to show that he is capable of tackling France's daily economic difficulties.

The strategy will be made clear when M Chirac intervenes in a television programme about youth unemployment. The President has decided to move away from the style that marked the beginning of his seven-year term as he sought to echo his mentor. General Charles de

He will abandon his role as "he who reveals the truth". according to an his aide. In his "modern conception" of the presidency. The does not on act on behalf of people, he encourages those who acr", the aide

The new formula is a read tion to the widespread anger that greeted his initial attempts to reaffirm his Gaullist heritage as a head of state who defended France's interests abroad and set the broad



A cartoon from a Hong Kong Cricket Association brochure aimed at children

Hong Kong cricket crusaders prepare for lengthy innings

FROM CATHERINE FIELD IN HONG KONG

THE image of a Chinese wielding a cricket bat may seem as unusual as a Geordie at the mahjong table, but some determined people in Hong Kong are trying to change that.

The colony's first cricket club was founded in 1851, ten years after the Union Jack was hoisted over the Fragrant Harbour. The sport survived two world wars, the Cultural Revolution and the shift in the mid-1970s of the Hong Kong Cricket Club's pitch from the business district of Victoria to a slope overlooking Happy

Valley racecourse. But it was always a sport for whites, and wealthy whites at that. For the excluded Chinese, cricket seemed a bizarre act of occasional exercise, glimpsed from the top of a

passing tram. Now, in the dying months of British rule, cricketing stalwarts are fighting to preserve their sport for the time when China takes over Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Cricket Association is energetically

promoting the sport schools, seeking with some success to have it named a "core sport", a status ranking it equal in terms of resources and education time to the other big games, such as table tennis and badminton. There are now cricket

courses in more than 50 schools, and in our cricket centres we have 450 children. about 100 of whom are Chinese," Russell Mawhinnev, a former New Zealand firstclass player and senior member of the association, said. Aware of Hong Kong's lack

of open spaces and flat land. the crusaders are promoting "diamond cricket". Batsmen. each with a blue plastic wicket, are placed at the four points of a diamond, and a bowler deployed in the middle. He bowls to each hatsman in turn; when the ball of orange plastic - is hit, the batsman is obliged to run to the next wicket. Fielders are placed in and around the diamond, which can be as

It may lack the grace of England versus Australia at Lord's, but the game is popular. There is a quick turnover in batsmen, which means every child gets a strike and the action is fast. Girls are being encouraged to play as much as boys.

"I brought my son first, just to try it out and I liked the game, it seemed to be a good. positive game," says Antoine Ng. "By playing cricket my son also learns about team spirit. Also, unlike many other games, there is less chance for the children to get hurt."

His eight-year-old boy. Etienne, says: "Cricket is fun and really more fun when I'm hatting, I want to be a good batsman."

Thirty-three Hong Kong coaches requested international accreditation in 1995. rising to 70 last year. Teams from the colony play against Malaysia. Singapore and Thailand and its players have gone to the Australian Cricket Academy and Lord's Summer Cricket School.

French 'anglophile' brands Britain as class-ridden failure

THE AUTHOR of a French Britain as an economic and social failure yesterday described herself as an "anglophile". Isabelle Ayasch's com-ments summed up the ambivalent attitude of many French towards a neighbour they find fascinating, perplex-

ing and irritating.
In recent days there has been a lengthy television programme on Franco-British recoverage of Britain's millennium celebrations and the spotlight turned on Mile Ayasch's textbook for students.

Mile Ayasch, 29, a fluent English speaker who was at Oxford University between 1988 and 1990, paints Britain as a country handicapped both by its historic failure to overcome class divisions and by Thatcherism. The bilingual text says: "Britain is, in social terms, back where it was at the peak of the Industrial Revolution . . . except that there is no industrial revolution taking place at the moment. There nuight not even be one in the

future, because Britain is so divided on the social front that it is prevented from moving forward economically." It goes on to explain how

welfare cuts have prompted "wealthy people, with feelings of snobbish guilt, social con-science or a strong dose of condescension ... to contrib-ute to the work of charitable organisations".

Although Mile Ayasch said she was "an academic, not a politician", her views are shared by much of the French establishment. Jacques Attali, a close associate of the late President Mitterrand, said in a recent interview: "Britain is on the way to becoming an underdeveloped country."

However, hostility towards Britain runs alongside a strong current of sympathy. Mile Ayasch, for example, said: "I visit Britain every six weeks and I have friends all over the country, in London, Northampton, Wales and the North of England."

She said many of her criticisms of Britain could also be

Brussels pushed to settle conflict on eastern front

The town of Apel-doorn will hardly en-ter history alongside Versailles or Yalta, but the map of future Europe could be shaped a little by a gathering of statesmen in the drab Dutch dorp later this week.

The occasion is one of the twice-yearly "informal" ses-sions of European Union foreign ministers. For once the 15 are to eschew domestic preoccupations, such as their wrangle over the im-minent "Maastricht 11" treaty. They are to do something rare think big. Under pressure from the calendar, Albania's crisis and Turkish threats, the 15 are to thrash out their most daunting challenge: how to manage a transition that, over the next few years, will

by hundreds of miles. The ministers are to breach a taboo by dropping the pretence that expanding Nato and the EU are items for separate discussion, handled by different bureaucracies, albeit both based in Brussels. The spur is a double deadline which commits the EU to starting accession talks with at least some of the ten former Communist candidates and Cyprus by the end of the year and Nato's drive to invite new members in

see the prosperous West shift its frontier eastward

Current wisdom says the first batch of newcomers to both clubs will be the same three states — Poland, Hungary and the Czech Repub-lic — with the - with the possibility of outsiders such as Slovenia and Romania. New Nato members are expected within two years, while entry to the EU is unlikely before 2002.

The EU, which includes 11 of Nato's 16 members, has been resisting attempts by Washington to co-ordinate the two enlargements. The US wants the EU to soothe the Baltic states with a promise of EU membership when they are exclud-ed from Nato.

Washington is worrled that the EU is distracted by its employment crisis and obsession with monetary



union and wants it to speed up its eastward move. Privately, many European officials do not share America's enthusiasm for Nato enlargement and fear that the welcome mat for a chosen few could force the unlucky candidates back into the zone of

antagonised Russia. Turkey, a staunch Nato member, has now forced the Nato-EU link, by threatening to veto the alliance's

expansion unless it gains entry to the Union. Meeting at a Christian Democratic forum, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and other leaders decreed that there could be rio question of Turkish EU membership. Hans van Mierlo, the Dutch Foreign Minister, stirred Turkish ire last month by saying it was time to be honest and accept that the EU had no room for a big and poor Muslim country.

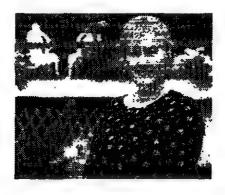
This does not London and Washington. Both are alarmed at the consequences of keeping out Turkey, which has been knocking at the EU door since the start of the Common Market in 1957.

With America deter mined to wash its hands of Bosnia by the end of the year, the EU faces a challinge in ensuring a stable Balkans. Even more urgent, the EU's credibility is at stake in Albania, where failure to stop a civil war would be seen as another EU debacle and ill omen for its struggle to take responsibility for its own

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he boycotts have passed, see what all the fuss was about. Tomorrow the first primary school league tables for England will be published.

After more than five years of planning by ministers and civil servants, matched by stern resistance from the teaching profession. parents will finally have some objective information on primary schools. Rudimentary though the comparisons will be, they will provide shocks for some previously satisfied customers as they see what neighbouring schools are

Stand by for a welter of objec-tions as the results highlight a select group of schools getting all their pupils to the level expected of an 11-year-old, while others register alarmingly few successes. Last week, even before the results were published, two unions had picked them to pieces.

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers found fault with the marking, the phraseology of questions and the whole approach of the tests. Head teachers concentrated their fire on the way the tables are compiled. But parents, who have had to make their choice of school solely on impressions and local reputation, will have little sympathy. Perfection may take a little longer, but they will settle for this

All this week, The Times will be examining the process of choosing a primary school, one of the key decisions any parent has to make. As well as ranking all the schools that submitted a full set of results. the series will offer other pointers to identifying the best state primary and preparatory schools. We will also look at nurseries and give a flavour of the tests themselves.

Many in the education world were determined that the tables should never be published because they believe that the wide variations in schools' intakes render the results misleading. More than 1,000 governing bodies refused to submit their teachers' assessments of their pupils, and the National Association of Head Teachers sponsored a High Court challenge to the way the tables are compiled. In the end, however, fewer than 100 will be missing, many for reasons

beyond their control. Tomorrow, no doubt, some schools will have reason to challenge their results. But hard cases make bad law. The exercise marks a milestone in the Government's information revolution with this first incursion into primary educa-

Just as the secondary school tables exposed the realities of parental choice, the primary equivalent will foster new aspirations for the younger age group. Most children in England go to their nearest primary school but, until

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now, their parents had little information about the alternatives. At the very least, they will now be with some pertinent

The tables would not have been published this year had it not been for a disastrous set of results in 1995. Fewer than half of all 11-yearolds reached the level expected of their age group in English and mathematics. The science results were better, but so far out of kilter with the other subjects that standards had to be readjusted for 1996.

Successive reports by school inspectors have identified the seven to II age group as the weak link in the national curriculum. In trying to cope with a wide range of subjects, primary schools often let slip the vital building blocks of education: English and mathe-

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, infuriated teachers with a blatant U-turn in which she ruled out league tables

for at least a year and then, within a fortnight and under considerable political pressure, announced the opposite. But the change of heart appears to have paid dividends: both English and mathematics showed significant improvements last summer.

Yet are primary schools really improving as a result of the tests and the tables, or are they merely getting better at preparing their pupils for assessment? Other new tests and examinations, such as GCSE and the assessments of seven-year-olds, have shown similar rises as teachers have got used

Nick Tate, the chief executive of the quango responsible for the tests, is unrepentant. "People can say schools are just teaching to the tests, but if we are testing the right things, that is what we want them to do," he says. "We are convinced that the exercise is raising standards.*

One improved set of results does not mean that all is well in primary schools, however, Some 40 per cent of 11-year-olds are still failing to reach their expected level before moving on to secondary school, and the Office for Standards in Education still considers this age group the least well taught.

he lesson surely is that the tests and the publication of results must remain and improve if standards are to rise further. They focus schools on the basic skills their pupils need to flourish in secondary education.

in the past year, many primary schools have introduced revision classes for the first time in decades and set about polishing up techniques that were once second nature to their pupils. There has even been a knock-on effect in schools looking again at streaming - until recently anathema in the primary sector.

Such changes would never have come about without the stimulus of testing and the publication of results. There will be shortcomings in tomorrow's tables, but they are nothing compared with the consequences of going back to the bad old days of primary education.

JOHN O'LEARY



Alert, and eager to learn . . . children of primary school age have no preconceptions of what is "boring" or "difficult"

Conkers, maypoles, and all

Between the ages of five and II, I attended a Church of England primary school which had no indoor sanitation, no special learning aids (unless you count a blackboard) and a firm belief in the beneficial disciplinary effects of a gym-shoe energetically applied to the back of the legs. When the moment came to choose a school for my five-year-old son, I naturally wanted him to

have the same advantages. A colleague once accused me of having been brought up in the 19th century - and when I consider my early education, I can see that he might have had a point. My primary school. originally a 19th-century dame

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school, was housed in a Victorian Gothic building and had overflowed at some point into a couple of prefabricated huts. The facilities were scarcely more sophisticated than they can have been 100 years before.

The lavatories, much frequented by enormous spiders. were situated in a charming little rustic outhouse in the middle of the playground. Our school milk came in crates of 1/3-pint bottles which, frozen in winter, would be placed to thaw out by the oil-fired stove. Our games — skipping, bowl-

ing hoops, conkers, marbles -

followed some mysterious seasonal pattern. "The big ones," the headmistress, Mrs Turner, would announce in awful tones at the beginning of the spring term, "are NOT to play keepsies with the little ones."

ay Day, the high point of the summer term, was celebrated with complicated dances around a maypole and the election (by the boys, in a secret ballot) of one of the Big

Girls as May Queen. What I wanted for my son was not so much the picturesque rural deprivations of my

quality and access to the full range

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London) but the rigour, the unwillingness to put up with anything less than excellence of Mrs Turner, and her staff. Whoever set John Stuart Mill to learning Greek at three and-a half had the right idea. Children of primary age are perfect raw learning material. They lack preconceptions of what is "boring", what "diffi-cult". They will learn a French word - or a classical Greek one - as readily as an English one; a poem by Byron as gladly as one by Kit Wright. They find work as interesting as play, and have no need to be tricked or joilied into learning.

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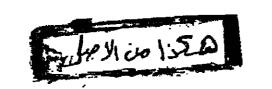
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what to look out for — and what to avoid — when choosing a primary school for your child



You have studied the figures, talked to the teachers - but there is no substitute for a visit to a school such as this, where the children are happy and highly motivated

Now, make your choice

give parents more informa-tion on a wider range of schools than they have ever had before. But the national curricuhum test results are just one factor in choosing a primary school.

The starting point must be a realistic assessment of what is feasible for the family. A school on the other side of town may look an attractive proposition, but lengthy daily journeys there and back may soon test your resolve. After-school activities will be more complicated, and the child may find it more difficult to build up a circle of friends.

Even if you are restricting your choice to the state sector, there may be different types of school to choose from. Do not wait until your child is approaching school age before lookng ahead. Some primary schools have nurseries, for example, while many others take four-year-olds into reception classes.

Some parents like "all-through"

primaries, which educate children from the age of five until their transfer to secondary school. Children do not have to adapt to a new school at seven, as they do where there are separate infants and junior schools. Others prefer the cosier atmosphere of an infants' school.

Once you have narrowed down the group of schools from which the choice is to be made, there are three main sources of information to explore. From tomorrow, one will be the league tables. A fuller set of statistics than those published in national newspapers will be available in local libraries and can be ordered from the Department for Education and Employment.

The school's annual report is another valuable guide. How readable the document is will depend on

the governors who produce it, but there are now several important pieces of information it must contain. Some, such as the annual accounts, may be of marginal interest to prospective parents, but there will be up-to-date test results and information on where the previous summer's

WHERE TO FIND THE INFORMATION — AND HOW TO USE IT

ithough the tests taken at 11 are the ultimate benchmark of primary education, if the child is just starting school, those taken at seven are of more immediate concern. There are no league tables for this age group, but annual reports contain a detailed

The destinations of leavers often say as much about a school as its national curriculum results, especially in areas which still have grammar

schools or a high proportion of independent schools. If you pursue an interest in the school, ask about previous leavers to ensure that the year covered by the report is repres-

The third and most detailed documentary evidence is in Ofsted reports, which are available on the internet as well as from schools themselves. About half of all primary schools have been inspected, and 6.000 more will be added this year. Reports concentrate on the "core subjects", but look at every aspect of school life in the space of about 30

In the end, however, there is no substitute for visiting a school. You will see immediately the size of classes, the standard of the facilities and the behaviour of the children. Inexperienced parents may learn

little about academic standards from a brief trip around the classrooms, but they will acquire a lasting impression of the staff, their surroundings and those intangible features which make up the atmosphere. Look for displays on the walls as an indication of enthusiasm from teachers and pupils: see how children mix

in the playground.

Above all, talk to the head teacher, who sets the tone for any school. There will be (or should be) policies on everything from homework to sex education and discipline, but the personal touch is all-important. Recent research by Anne West, of the London School of Economics, found that the top priority for parents in choosing a school was that their child should be happy. Discipline, atmosphere and the quality of education all rated highly, but could not compare in importance.

Striking the right balance

THE CLASSROOM DEBATE

PRIMARY teaching methods have been at the centre of educational debate for several years now. On the face of it, this is surprising. When health or social services hit the headlines, it is rarely a matter of methodology, yet in education. debates about whole class teaching, grouping of pu-pils, how to teach reading and even homework, make the front page. This may be because we all have direct experience of primary education as pupils or parents. These

controversies are fuelled by the stream of inspection and test data which flows through the system as a result of the present Government's renature of the evidence is the subargument. at least now it is there to contest.

Ofsted favours class teaching In relation to

primary teaching methodology, it is now possible to identify what might be called the Ofsted line. Broadly, this is that there should be more direct teaching of the whole class, much greater emphasis on systematic phonics and much higher expectations of what children should

achieve, Evidence from abroad broadly supports the Ofsted case. David Reynolds's report, Worlds Apart, showed, the importance of whole class teaching in the educational progress made, for example, in Taiwan. This is

mon sense would suggest that actively teaching is likely to have more impact than waiting for learning to occur. However, at least in public debate, some of the complexities of the issue rarely surface. Effective whole class teaching demands a fast pace, lots of interaction between the teacher and pupils and a range of effective visual displays. Teachers have also to strike a careful

balance of whole class. group and individual work, depending on the task in hand. The shift that Ofsted urged is likely to result in a better

halance. On the teach ing of reading. the Ofsted line is again broadly confirmed by evidence. But

the fact that we know works in primary school teaching, and that many schools are not doing it, reveals the education sys-

tem's failure to disseminate best practice. Ofsted's contribution has been to highlight the issues as it sees them. However, there is more to the doing than bidding it be done. Teachers have found themselves criticised, yet the system has not done nearly

change what they do. MICHAEL BARBER The author is Dean of New Initiatives at London Univer-

enough to enable them to

NATIONAL RESULTS

Tests at II are marked on a sixpoint scale equating to levels of the national curriculum. Most children fall into one of the categories below, of which 3 is the standard expected of a JOHN O'LEARY nine-year-old, 4 the expecta-tion for an 11-year-old and 5

the level normally reached by the age of 13.

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Science 199		48%	22%
1996		48%	14%

the wisdom of Mrs Turner

that lasts for very long,

Having survived a secondary eduction of almost unrelieved mediocrity (and got into university in spite of it). I am living proof of the inestimable benefits of a really excellent e primary education. Mrs · Turner's children emerged

from her care imprinted down to the marrow of their bones with the rules of English grammar, the multiplication tables and the Authorised Version. By the age of 11 we had also learnt about the deep satisfaction of a piece of work well done; how to withstand intense boredom; that life is

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not fair; and that a newborn fieldmouse was the exact size and colour of the shrimplacquered taion on the forefinger of our nature teacher.

I set about finding all this

for my son without much hope. I thought my chances of matching my ideals with a state school that would be prepared to offer him a place were roughly nil. We embarked upon a gruelling round of interviews at prep schools, ranging from the dauntingly good to one establishment that made Dotheboys Hall seem like paradise. My son, who has views of his own, got himself rejected by all these by the devastatingly effective technique of lying on the floor moaning "No. No". We had also applied to two local Church of England pri-

mary schools, both, coinciden-

tally, housed in the sort of pointy Victorian Gothic with which I was so familiar. Was that the reason my heart rose? Perhaps, or perhaps it was the quantities of evidently wellthumbed books, or even the small, chastened child doing detention at one of them.

Thatever it was, i knew I'd found what I was looking for. Letters were written by priests: an offer made, and accepted with alacrity. On my son's first day, I felt a surge of exhilaration. This was the first step on a long and exciting journey. Whether it leads, in the end, to All Souls or Engine Driver School (my sun's current plan). I felt he was setting out from the right place.

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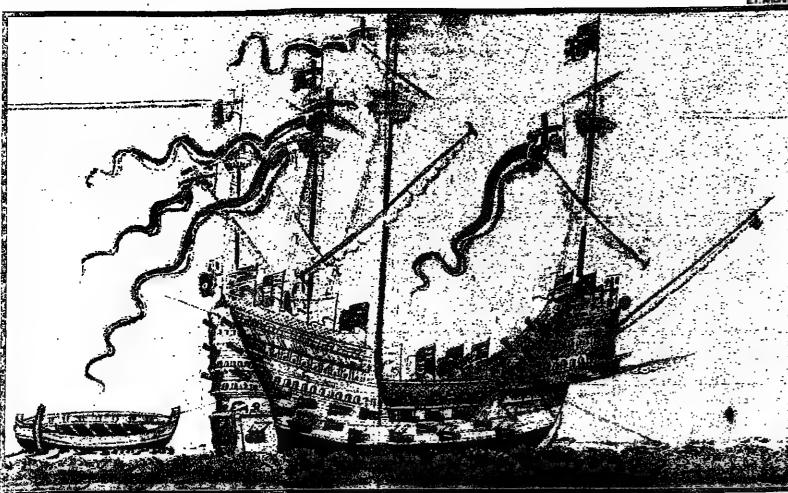
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The only surviving picture of the Mary Rose. Hopes that the Alderney wreck might prove an even older English warship seem to be unfounded

Lost and foundered

"I have yet hard [heard] nothynge but that twe [two] packets sent from your lordship sinse my comyng over are lost in a shypp that was cast away about Alderney..." Sir John Norreys to Lord Burghley, November 29, 1592.

iderney, the most northerly of the Channel Islands, has been described as a ships' grave-yard. The remains of 100 vessels are said to lie off the island, where the weather can change with treacherous swiftness. The inhospitable conditions mean the waters keep their secrets well. Five years ago Dave Randall, an amateur diver, decided to explore a wreck lying half a mile off the northeast coast. He brought up a Dutch jug, dating from late 16th century. It was the first in a long line of astonishing finds including cannons, muskets, helmets, breastplates, leather shoes and Eng-

There were even barrels of butchered meat aboard. It quickly transpired that this was no ordinary shipwreck. A Anjana Ahuja on the mystery of an ancient wreck

breathtaking possibility arose
— could it be the first Elizabethan warship ever discovered? Last year the States of Alderney, the island council, decided to call in the experts. It engaged the help of Michael Bowyer, the director of the marine archaeology unit at the University of Wales in Bangor. The quest to identify the ship was filmed by the BBC, who commissioned Dr John Nolan, a military historian, to help to sift through archives. The idea was to find matching dates between the wreck and its contents, and Elizabethan

During a riffle through port records in London, Dr Nolan discovered the letter from Sir John Norreys to Lord Burghley. These were two of the most eminent men of their time -Norreys was Elizabeth I's right-hand man, entrusted with directing the dirtier military campaigns, and Lord Burghley was the Queen's secretary, the closest position at the time to Prime Minister. The letter was dispatched from Brittany, where Norreys was keeping an eye on the Spanish campaign after the collapse of the Armada. He had written to Lord Burghley to request that clothing be sent from England to help his men through the chilly winter.

The missing ship must have been English. Yet the wreck did not obviously point to this. The helmets were Spanish, the shoes Portuguese and the weights, although English, would have been compulsory for any country's merchant ships that hoped to trade with England. Next, the archaeologists

turned to naval records of warships. Suspicion soon fell on the Makeshifte, a fastsailing vessel built during the Virgin Queen's reign. She was the only warship to disappear mysteriously from the records, and she vanished at about the time of Norreys's letter.

For the wreck to be the Makeshifte, however, it would have to be proved English. So

Mr Bowyer says. "We now think it was a heavily armed there was just one option - to merchant ship." salvage the rudder. This would reveal the dimensions of the vessel, since Elizabethan

shipbuilders stuck rigidly to a

set design for warships, scal-

ing up or down according to

fixed ratios. Last summer,

permission was granted to lift

was built at Limehouse in

London, one of two ships

commissioned by the Navy for

£300. She had elegant proportions — a length of 50 feet and

a breadth of 14 feet. But Owain

Roberts, an authority on an-

cient shipbuilding, deduced that the wreck had slightly

tubbier proportions, measuring 50 by 20 feet. She was not a

warship but possibly a cargo

ship.
But what about the arms?

"If the ship is the one referred

to in the 1592 letter from

Norreys, which is 80 per cent

eanwhile, Dr. Nolan

was learning about

the Makeshifte. She

the rudder from the seabed.

Consolation came with studies of the rudder timber by dendrochronologists, who use tree rings to date wood samples. Each species of tree has a distinctive pattern of ringwidths, which are logged on a database covering every year

from 3,000 BC.

Jennifer Hillam and Cathy
Groves, from Sheffield University, were able to deduce that the rudder was cut in 1575 from oak forests in southeast England, so it could easily have belonged to the supply ship that Norreys was

The identity of the wrecked ship remains, for now, unknown Royston Raymond from the Alderney Maritime Trust, which is trying to raise money for further research, is convinced that eventually 'something will turn up". But for now, the adventure is over and the waters have kept their secret well.

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good word to say about rabbits.
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are too good for them: biological warfare has been declared. Not only have the authorities set loose a deadly virus, which is killing rabbits by the tens of millions, but they have a further trick up their sleeves.

The plan is to release a virus attached to a synthetic vaccine able to sterilise any rabbit that catches it. Viral-vectored immunocontraception, as this ingenious pest-control technique is called, could also be used against cats, foxes, and house

mice, three other species that get no welcome in the Outback. Admittedly, there might be some problems with cat owners whose priceless pets suddenly turned out to be sterile, but the scientists are confident they can deal with that. Some owners might even welcome it, they claim.

At present, the sterilisation drive is on the

back-burner because of the huge success of rabbit calcivirus, a deadly disease thatwas being tested on an island off the coast of South Australia in 1995 when it escaped, reached the mainland, and started killing rabbits. David Lord, a sheep farmer, told New Scientist that he felt "incredibly lucky and privileged" to own one of the farms that the virus reached first. Before it arrived, he said, his 66,000 hectares had 25,000

warrens, each containing up to 50 rabbits.
They were eating 125 tons of grass a day.
Not everybody thinks that releasing a lethal virus into the wild is a good idea. Rabbit calcivirus mutates with remarkable speed, and may also be able to hop species, possibly hitching a ride on a migratory bird and ending up somewhere else. Australian

scientists charged with getting rid of introduced species have little sympathy with this atti-tude. They point out that the rabbits, cats and forest and dire threat to many tha species: 57 Australian ta mals are endangered, and are under threat, says a document from the Vertebrates Biocontrol Centre, an offshoot **SCIENCE** of the Commonwealth Scientif-BRIEFING ic and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia's mar-ional research body.

It is the biocontrol centre fine has devised the sterilisation plan. For rabbits, it would use a

mynoma virus carrying pro-teins from the sperm, or the egg. When this infected rabbits, they would develop an immune response against the proteins, and mount an attack on them. Instead of breeding like rabbits, the rabbits would not breed at all. The vaccines should work with "laser-like precision", the centre says, because the targeted proteins will be exclusive to the pest species.

Foxes would be tackled using a modified

salmonella bacterium, and mice by a virus called ectromelia, or possibly mouse cyto-megalovirus. Cats have been given a lower priority, and no disease vector is yet identified. The biocontrol centre is relaxed about the danger of these modified viruses escaping, and infecting endangered species of rabbit, fox, or even the big cats of Asia. Not very likely, say the Australian pestspecialists; myxomatosis never even reached New Zealand, 2,000 kilometres away. They concede, however, that special attention would have to be given to potential escape routes, which would include control over the international trade in pedigree cats

New fuel cell could be a driving force



A NEW fuel cell developed in California has raised hopes of a clean source of electricity provided directly from methanol. The device works by taking hydrogen from the methanol, passing it through a membrane and

combining it with oxygen to produce water and electricity. The principle is old, but the details of the new device - a catalyst which enables the cell to run on a mixture of ethanal and water, and a new membrane which prevents methanol getting through have greatly improved performance.

The developers, from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the University of Southern California, believe that they can create a device the size of a thick paperback, able to produce 50 watts while consuming about a pint of methanol a day. Eventually the hope is to produce devices big and powerful enough to power cars.

Frozen path to the heart of a virus



A NEW technique has enabled Medical Research Council scientists to reveal. the structure of the protein at the core of the hepatitis B. virus. As well as being a

great technical achievement, finding the structure may. help in treating hepatitis B and finding vaccines against other diseases.

Normally materials need to be crystallised to work out their structure, but the new technique uses an electron microscope to study samples of the protein frozen in a water-based solution. Computers combined images of more than 6,000 protein particles to build up a three-dimensions model, published in Nature.

"Over 300 million people worldwide are thought to be hepatitis B carriers, so the more we know about this virus, the better," says Dr Tony Crowther, one of the MRC





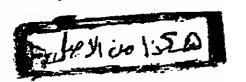
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Mr Angry counts his blessings



"I was a product of my time. The only thing that still makes me jump is the amount of homelessness we accept"

en Elton is 37. greying just perceptibly, and married. Last week he hosted the Brit Awards without a hitch - and without a single gobby remark or in-your-face piece of body language.

He was subdued, restrained, did not want to intrude on what was an evening for the viewers at home. He wishes the BBC had run it live, there was so little that

needed cutting.

If he was a little po-faced during Mrs Merton's joke about cocaine, well, this was because he nearly missed it. When she said "Everyone backstage is looking for Charlie", he thought it surreal, only catching on when she repeated: "Charlie, Charlie." "It's not a phrase I hear all the time," he says."I go to the Groucho Club about once a year. And I don't see this kind of thing going on there," he adds.

Elton is a pub man. Indeed, when we meet at the London Welsh Centre, where his play Popcorn is being rehearsed before its West End run, his get-up is that of any "bloke-in-a-pub" since 1980 -- tight red T-shirt, checked blouson jacket, jeans.

His love of a beer was one reason he accepted the Brits job. He had a night off on tour: "So I was in the vibe. And nights off on a tour are a bit strange. You tend to get drunk. . . "

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To offset this disaster, he now exercises. "I made a decision in my early 30s because I love to drink, particularly beer. If I don't drink one night, it'll be a decision."

Rumours of a personal trainer are untrue, he insists, although he did go to the gym three years ago. "I used to play squash with Ade Edmondson (Viv in The Young Ones, married to Jennifer Saunders), but he lives in Richmond now " Ah. Richmond, And Elton lives in

Primrose Hill, another leafy, although scarcely trendy, part of London. It is the classic diary of a thirtysomething.

Whatever happened to the "smug git in a shiny suit" who swore about Thatcher on Saturday Live? He's certainly not here in the rehearsal room, posing for the photographer with his feet just hanging off the sofa - "Well, I mean, if I saw a picture of a bloke with his feet on the sofa, I'd think what a git, wouldn't you? Even on trains I put a newspaper on the seat before I put my feet up."

What a wonderful vision — the man

who defined the tone of Eighties humour, papering train seats. But then he always did have a well developed social conscience (some critics felt it to be selfrighteously overdeveloped).

Born in Catford, but brought up near Guildford -- his father, of Jewish extraction, was a professor at Surrey University - he read drama at Manchester University. There he met Rik Mayall, two years his senior. At 21 he became the BBC's youngest ever scriptwriter.

But in 1981 there was a six-month gap when he needed money, and he turned to doing stand-up at the Comedy Store. Suddenly the young man who had wanted

Ben Elton has moved from aggressively political comic to happily married man. Interview by Grace Bradberry

to write for The Two Ronnies became the archetypal Eighties stand-up. Not necessarily the best - Alexei Sayle described his act as "like a dog shaking hands" -

but the most aggressively political. During that decade he also co-wrote The Young Ones, followed by Filthy, Rich and Catflap, and the second series onwards of Blackadder. Yet although these were his finest achievements, it was the stand-up, particularly as host of Saturday Live, that set his image as "Bolshie Ben".

The Nineties have seen him move into the mainstream - though even in the Eighties he stood in for Wogan. He has written four novels, three plays and a sitcom, The Thin Blue Line, which attracts audiences of more than 11 million

but at first caused critics to say he had gone soft. "There's nothing I can do about that. I'd had ten years of being told I was a bigoted, loud-mouthed, left-wing yobbo. Suddenly, it was where's his claws, where's his teeth? You can't win, so frankly, foot them.

"I've never been any more or less angry than I am now, and I'm not remotely angry," he adds belligerently.

mass rioting' "I was a product of my times. People forget now, it's got so kind of ... boring, I suppose, politics. Not that I would wish us back to the confrontation of the Eighties."

But one senses, from the way his face lights up with evangelical zeal, that perhaps he would. "When I did my first gig Britain was three months from mass rioting," he says. "I was on live television, on Channel 4, I had a mike, these were times, you know. The only comparable thing that still makes me jump is the amount of homelessness we accept." Now that the workers have put away

their scaffolding poles, and Thatcher is long gone, Elton has turned to other targets. They are more conservative than anyone expected. The subject of Popcorn, his bestselling novel turned play, is Hollywood violence. An hysterical tale of a film director who meets his nemesis two young psychopaths who claim his work led to their crimes.

It is a rollickingly funny satire — but also an attack on cynicism, which Elton cannot abide. One tends to think of him as cool, but he denies that this has ever been the case: "I have no ability to look cool. I have always known that for what is considered cool, the main prerequisite is cynicism," he says. "I've always wanted to get involved."

And, he says, to be liked — "But I'm not

going to do something I disapprove of in order to be liked." Until the press homed in, it seeems he always was liked. He certainly goes to a lot of trouble to make you like him - endless consideration and self-deprecation.

He even coined the word "farty" to characterise himself. "I've been bedevilled by it," he exclaims. "Sue Lawley asked me about it. I mean, I couldn't even say the word in front of Sue Lawley. It's like saying it in front of the Oueen."

Even one of his most enduring contributions to the language, the word "girlie", which originated in The Young Ones, was invented to avoid offence: "It wasn't pious like saying 'woman', but it wasn't de-meaning like saying 'girl'. It was so silly that it wasn't patronising."

The word has been taken over by the New Lads and Laddettes. Does he shudder at Channel 4's Girlie Show? "I do, but I'm not going to diss other people's products in print. But you know what I feel about cynicism and trying to be fashionable for fashion's sake - a lack of content, does bedevil a lot of British

broadcasting."

Some would say so does swearing, of which Elton has been a prime exponent. He is trying to kick the habit: "As my Mum once told me, it's a useful exclamation mark - not that she'd ever use it but a pretty poor comma. If you can save it up for that special moment on stage, then you can really get a comic effect."

is audience, too, has grown up. These days the people who come to my shows average about 30 - but there are loads with grey hair. What's funny is mates of mine come and say: 'Ben, there were loads of people with grey hair and bald patches,' And I say: 'Yeah, you.' "

Since he married his long-term girlfriend, the Australian saxophonist Sophie Gare, in 1994, he spends more nights in. "I used to go out a lot more. I've got a couple of mates who live outside London and I might go and see them, which of course I don't so much any more. We are together, and your time is more taken up. 1 am happily married."

There are no little Eltons as yet. "We still feel it's something we'd very much like to think about. If the time comes and the circumstances are right . .

He has always talked a lot about how "lucky" he is, but now he seems to count his blessings more than ever. For example: "Any time I've ever felt some small, Oh why am I being described falsely, I think of what happened to Neil Kinnock and I realise how lucky I've been.

"Of course, he talked a bit too much, but these days, looking at soundbite politics, don't you long for someone who actually loves words?" Kinnock was a friend. He doesn't really know Tony Blair.

"The Labour Party has gone to the right of me. But I'm not a zealot. I've got a lot of time for some of the things Paddy says." Ben Elton? In sympathy with the Lib Dems? Where will it all end?

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MUSICAL

Maria Friedman takes the lead as the National Theatre stages Kurt Weill's Lady in the Dark **OPENS: Tomorrow REVIEW: Thursday**



VISUAL ART

At the National Gallery, 25 Monets drawn from London collections go on display together **OPENS: Wednesday** PREVIEW: Tomorrow



BOOKS

Not only, but also: the rise and fall of Dudley Moore is chronided in a new biography IN THE SHOPS: Now REVIEW: Saturday



THEATRE

Felicity Kendal stars as the Peter Hall Company opens at the Old Vic with Granville Barker's Waste ... **OPENS: Thursday REVIEW: Saturday**

The notion of a cave is both ancient and powerful. The caves of Lascaux; the caves of Plato: the caves of childhood made from blankets or in bushes; the cave in the rocks behind the fire, civilisation protected from and frightening off the wild with flames; the caves of a thousand Buddhas and of Aladdin; the cave that is the skull with the mouth as its opening; the Malabar caves in India which terrified E.M. Forster's Mrs Moore: the unconscious as a cave and the sexual cave which follows on from that. Is it no

accident, as Marxists like to say,

that the Latin for the deepest

emotion we feel - alarm or fear is cave - Beware? And there is something primally secure about a cave. The image of cave ancestors, their fires never allowed to expire, warming and guarding and lighting their sec-urity, has dug in deep. Is it too easy to imagine them seated there. looking out into the dark, across that magical illumination which defied all that was gathered in the Faraday's magnificent kidney ta-

Deep in the cave, something was stirring darkness to harm them? And there

they must have talked, to turn the day into meaning through stories. Perhaps there was always a simple musical instrument which made a sound which extended and exercised the senses and imagination before talk; or maybe those wall frescoes preceded even speech (but I think it is unlikely). Stephen Pinker's study of language in The Language Instinct shows how rich language could be from its beginnings, and it would be an uncontroversial bet that from words came not only the first commands. but the basis for those parallel worlds - the fabricated, the invented, the fictions; the telling of what might be, the embellishment

of what had been. Poetry readings today are the truest heirs to all this. I am sure that lecturers, whether behind

ble at the Royal Institution or hovering over an unstable lectern in a drafty hall, would claim that theirs is the most fundamental voice — the single bringer of news and surprise, the explainer of the unknown. Theatre people, without doubt, would claim the palm and the aficionado of mime would certainly be pushing to be head of the arts line.

But I think that the fire is the key, whether in front of the caves or even on the open plains of Africa, where humankind just scraped into its next stage. And sitting around the fire would bring out talk more than anything, and shared stories which would circulate as freely as the wood smoke.

focus for the speakers. We, the I was reminded of this at the audience, sat in the cave to look through the fire and listen to the Duke of York's Theatre in St bringers of mystery and words, in Martin's Lane in London last Sunday. The fire was the lighting this case to do with Love and War. Two poets - Ted Hughes and around the proscenium, making a

Seamus Heaney - and two acrresses - Diana Rigg and Imogen Stubbs - read on the themes for about an hour and a half. Such a poetry reading is replicated throughout the British Isles many times over, night after night. We go out to seek a common cave and all those who have hunted and scavenged words and rhymes talk to us across the light.

During my adult lifetime poetry

readings have gone from an occasional treat to a steady entertainment, with younger poets now routinely referring to them as "gigs", not unlike the gigs of rock groups or jazz bands. It is certainly the most direct way in which to receive a concentration of the imagination; and the two antique props - darkness and light - with the two essential ingredients speakers and listeners - hold up well. A beautiful little West End

theatre box enters a time warp, and we sit before the glittering

his reading was to raise funds for the Arvon Foundation. Arvon was founded in 1968 by two poets, John Moat and John Fairfax, who wanted to establish a place outside universities for the practice and practical pursuit of writing. It is now established in three country retreats where, over the years, scores of established writers have taught and talked with hundreds of those who have been successful in applying for these courses.

My connection with Arvon has largely been through Ted Hughes. who has a passion that the widest possible public should read and write and memorise poetry from the earliest practicable age. Hughes, it seems to me, believes

expression in a unique way and must be encouraged to cultivate that ability. For not only will it enrich them, it will, in a direct way, he believes, enrich the world, add to its variety and splendour and make it altogether liner. In an understated but unyielding way our present Poet Laureate is a most. tenacious evangelist. This carries over into his reading. I've often thought that if one were casting for the voice of God, then Ted Hughes would be the sole contender. So he sat on the bare stage with

that everyone born is capable of

the others, unrolling poems from The School Bag, the new collection he and Heaney have put together. Yeats, Larkin, Emily Bronte, Wilfred Owen, Keats, Frost, Auden, the Anon who wrote Begwulf. and many more floated across the flickering light now in a deep rhythmic pulse, now in a most natural speaking/singing chant, now in a dramatic vignette. We listened in the dark and soaked up the messages from this other world outside.

DANCE: Philippe Decouflé's dreamscape Decodex leaves Debra Craine bewildered, but thoroughly entertained

Playtime at the human zoo

Philippe Decoufié de-vised his hit show Decodex in a fit of inspiration brought on by a book. No ordinary book, mind you, but a curious and eccentric 1970s "scientific log" called Le Codex Seraphinianus by Italian artist Luigi Seraphini. Decouflè describes it as a completely crazy book written in a language which does not exist, but illustrated with wondrous drawings. That description could also

apply to his own Decoder, a 90-minute production that found its way to Britain last week courtesy of the Woking Dance Umbrella festival. Decoder is filled with playful and dreamy images, but is written in a language in which words do not form intelligible

Like the entries in an encytionship is their alphabetical happenstance, the vignettes in Decoder are not necessarily connected. Rather they occur as random and self-contained creations, a picture-book of sight bites from an out-ofcontrol daydreamer.

Decouilé sets out by toying with our perceptive assumptions. Which way up are the

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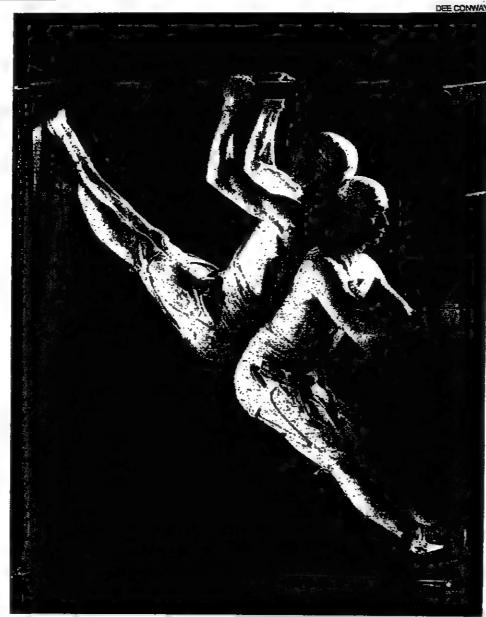
dancers? Are they standing on their heads or on their feet? His company of ten performers quickly take on the charac-teristics of animals: they flipflop like frogs, they crouch like reptiles, they hover tenuously, like insects.

hilippe Guillotel's costumes are a vital component in Decouflé's exploration of anatomical truths. Like the choreography, they help to conceal the body's natural form and heighten its quadrupedal antecedents. There are dragon's tails and frogmen with giant flippered feet; wiggly elongata inreeheaded creature with vacuum

The choreography is designed to heighten the illusion and elicit polite giggles, but there are also long passages of pure dance that test the strength and resilience of the dancers' bodies. Like a child dissecting a frog for a school project, Decouflé is fascinated by the detailed construction of the human frame. But he also loves the poetry of human movement, the profound statement that is more than the sum of its bones and muscles.

Decoder is at its best in this mood, particularly in two notable scenes that make you wish it was you up on that stage. In the first, a woman is balanced in the middle of two parallel unicycles, rocking back and forth in a trance-like duet with her non-wheeled male partner. In the other, a beautiful quartet, two women attached to bungee-jumping cords are paired with two earthbound men so that the women are continuously bouncing over the heads of their partners - a next twist on the traditional pas de deux.

Sometimes Decoder is like staring at inmates in an exotic zoo: sometimes like looking down the eveniece of a micro scope; sometimes like wandering through rehearsals at the circus. There is no rhyme or reason to its excursion into fantasy, no cause to its effect. Then, quietly, it just fades away as the house lights call time on our reveries. The daydream may have made no sense, but it did pass the time most pleasantly.



"There is no rhyme or reason to its excursion into fantasy, no cause to its effect"

Rebirth of little promise

life, Kent Opera might have shown enterprise and some anniversary spirit by performing Schubert's dramatic orazorio, Lazarus. By choosing to present Orfeo instead, the new artistic management doubtless hoped to revive memories of the company's pioneering Monteverdi shows. But nothing about the new production, which tours until next Friday, begins to suggest that the old company has been truly

reborn. This was OPERA the second operatic version of the Orpheus legend Orfeo to come to Lon-QEH don in a week:

Gluck's at ENO, and the third, Haydn's Orfeo ed Euridice, is due from the London Philharmonic soon. Of the three, Monteverdi's 1607 favola inmusica, the first great opera, has the rawest musico-dramatic power. It should stir the listener like nothing else, and if it doesn't the work itself is

not to blame. Alas, this simple legend often inspires producers to an excess of artiness, and here Tim Carroll proves no exception. The slow-motion posturings on stage and the matching costumes obscure characterisation: any firsttime visitor to this opera is likely to find it mystifying, even though Anne Ridler's English translation comes

"idea" is to have the symbolic figure of Music, a Monteverdi ghost in cassock and ruff, on stage throughout, looming in the background and sometimes physically manipulating the action; duologues are re-

duced to nonsense. Dramatic inertia was only underlined by John Toll's mu- () sical direction. His directlike tempos might have succeeded had they been underpinned with real musical tension, but

there was none. Sensuous melodies and forcefulrecitative alike came across with the same unrelenting monotony. In the

circumstances, the singers had probably given up trying-to be interesting.

Few in the young cast sounded at home with Monteverdian style, but Rachel Wheatley was a sweet-toned Eurydice, and Clara Sanabras (Messenger), Juliet Schiemann (Hope), Esther King (Prosperina) and Martin Robson (Pluto) all suggested potential. Terrance Barber's stiff counter-tenor made him disappointing as Music. Gwion Thomas's Orfeo revealed a mellifluous, dark tenor, but it seemed all too natural that his unvarying singing should have lulled the boatman Charon to sleep.

JOHN ALLISON

harmonia and Judd managed. They were also unconvinc-

ing in the wacky, whirligig

textures of Sensemayd, the

short orchestral poem by the

Mexican composer Silvestre

Revueltas. It seems to draw

inspiration from some primor-

dial power in the Central

American landscape, and then

to hurl it out with all the exotic

colour and cross-rhythms

available to an early 20th-

century composer. Almost a

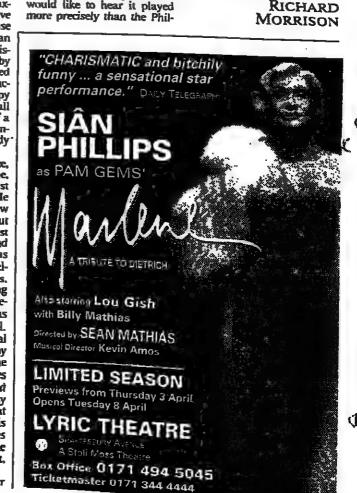
Mexican Rite of Spring, then,

and well worth resuscitation.



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A loud and bumpy ride

fascinating. Ervin Schulhoff

was a Jewish Czech composer

who died in a Nazi concentra-

tion camp. His

sardonic tone is

akin to Shostako-

vich's, but his ex-

terser. The Sym-

phony No 3.

played here, was

composers' pieces to comple-ment his own, and they were LIKE it or loathe it - and few listeners find a middle way -Michael Nyman's soundworld is unique. The pulse is pumped out with steely virtuosity. The ampli-

fication is op-pressive; the CONCERT orchestration unremittingly thick. Nuance, charm and wit

Michael Nyman Festival Hall are absent: the

over in 20 minutes, yet its beat goes on. and literally has sense of tragic defiance, jagno time for such incidental ged edges and dislocated fury left an indelible impression. I delights. would like to hear it played

Any expectation that his new Double Concerto for Saxophone and Cello would prove less robotic, just because Nyman cites Hiroshima as an inspiration, was swiftly dispelled. Commissioned by Mazda Cars, the work proved to be as tender as an advancing tank. In that its choppy format suggested any overall "mood", it was the scurry of a surreal barn-dance, with frantic riffs piling up on an already overcrowded texture.

Not a subtle experience, then: and not a rewarding one, one imagines, for the cellist Julian Lloyd Webber. He could be seen digging his bow furiously into his strings, but rarely heard. The saxophonist John Harle fared better. And at least the opening was intriguing: saxophone and cello gnawing at the same notes, then gradually splintering away. After that briefly ingenious prelude, however, it was heavy-duty business as usual.

Earlier, the quintessential Nyman work was played by his own band and the Philharmonia under James Judd. It is MGV (Musique à Grande Vitesse): a noisy tribute to the TGV train. What do the French think of this "accolade"? To me it evokes the runaway steam engine from hell, not the smoothest, fastest ride in Europe.

Nyman chose two other



MUSIC

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OPERA

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POP

James bring their big anthems to Newport at the outset of their British tour GIG: Sunday REVIEW: Next week

ARTS TUESDAY TO **FRIDAY** IN SECTION 2

THEATRE: Katie Mitchell's two-part mystery cycle for the RSC; and Maureen Lipman's one-woman West End show

. Biblical tales for a new generation

ell's production is to be believed, he made David Attenborough and David Bellamy more in his image than anyone else.

Looking like a tousled blend of both, David Ryali's obsed boffin lolls on rough floorboards in his oatmeal smock, chortling with joy as he dreams up an offstage sun, moon, splashing water, earth, plants, chirruping birds and distantly honking whale. There is an anxious moment as he ponders his next move, but it passes. Prairie noises follow jungle sounds, and

The Mysteries Other Place, Stratford

then, naked and mud-caked, on step Adam and Eve. They stand there hand-in-hand, two grave, grown-up children who meekly accept the gift of a purple flower from their beaming creator.

It is a heart-wrenching moment, and there are others to come. The two-part mystery cycle Mitchell has concocted with the writer Edward Kemp is a wonderful, unsettling mix of the curious and spurious. For better or worse, we are denied the most famous episodes our 15th-century forebears performed on their streets. Neither the comic Townley Shepherds' Play nor the horribly realistic York Crucifixion Play has found its way onto a stage that, except for the occasional appearance of a mat or a tree festooned with paper petitions, stays bare throughout.

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Instead, Kemp and Mitchell have drawn on all four surviving cycles, plus the ancient Cornish Ordinalia, for the clutch of episodes, Eden to Bethlehem, they call Creation. They have been even bolder in passages of pastiche Middle English for the original plays' failure to give us much of Christ's teaching. And did you know that Judas pluckily betraved Jesus at Jesus's own bidding? Somehow I don't think Kemp and Mitchell's text will become required reading in the Bible Belt.

Rvail's God spends Creation padding about happily or angrily as his clones delight or dismay him. Cain coolly snaps Abel's neck and is himself killed by blind Lamech's slingshot. Abraham, Noah and a nervous, stammering Moses

od made man in his own image, but, if Katie Mitch-ogy is worthwhile only for ogy is worthwhile, only for Death and Justice to argue that the lab should be closed down. The answer is the incarnation: movingly evoked when Paul Hilton's Jesus, helpless and naked, curls up on the lap of Josette Bushell-Mingo's radiant yet humble Mary.

As often with Mitchell's productions, a simple intensity rules. Her excellent 15-person cast do not pretend to be medieval workmen playing biblical figures, but, wearing plain beige weave throughout, give us the figures directly and with many humanising touches. Pregnant Eve shattered by the loss of Abel and Cain. Noah, clearly no DIY freak, flummoxed by the need to build a 300-cubit ark and troubled by the prospect of a drowned world. Terrified Isaac, clinging to the father who was about to kill him. Joseph, often the object of gentle fun in the miracle plays, coping first with an unsought marriage, then with an inexplicable pregnancy.

There are similar moments later: a weeping woman washing Christ's feet with her hair. Lazarus emerging from his stinking winding sheet, a cured madman spinning in incredulous glee. Yet I enjoyed Passion rather less than Creation, and not because of such PC touches as the promotion the Magdalene to top

ilton's Jesus. though brimming with warmth and larky in his assaults on hypocrisy and folly. One doesn't want grim Jesus or gentle Jesus meek and mild — but maybe we need a more formidable Jesus than this rangy prankster, with his fondness for standing on his head and doing cockerel imitations to poor Peter.

made. The "Oil of Mercy", much mentioned in Creation, does its job in Passion: Forgiveness, love, responsibility for others are preached as well as a scripturally more dubious making the inner outer and the male and female one". God's lab animals have a fresh opportunity to prove their value. The question of whether we have done so in the last 2,000 years is, however, not within the scope of even an ersatz mystery play.

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Lady who lunches and tells jokes

on stage (with Michael Haslam on the ivories) for just over two hours, singing three or four songs, performing a couple of sketches and stringing an uncountable number of okes on an invisible thread. Three men standing at the gates of heaven jokes, an Irish actor joke, delayed train jokes, a Terry Waite joke, many Jewish mother jokes. "And did you

read about Chris Eubank . . . ?" Most of the time it is hard to understand how one joke has prompted the next, but of course the thread that links them is not invisible at all but standing up there in a dog-rose and geranium outfit, chatting easily. Live & Kidding

smiling likeably. Likeability is not a word that describes her second outlit, however, even if it was inspired by Dior's New Look, or indeed is a reproduction of a dress once worn in 1947. The collar does not plunge: it plummets. It is a boomerang in white satin, attached to its owner by the two ends, and sometimes looks as if it has poised long enough in mid-flight and

will take off over the stalls. I hope it is not ungallant to mention such matters but my eyes kept to be open to the experiences of an occasion.

For some years now Lipman has been a treasured speaker at lunches and brunches, so that audiences who have enjoyed her jokes there may well recognise them here. I remembered several myself, but this was because I arrived early enough to read the programme where anexdotes she would later tell are included in her autobiographical essay. This is a bad idea, reducing to zero the sense that jolly secrets are being shared with us from the stage.

Hailing from Hull, the birthplace of Andrew Marvell, she has the bright

mistress in the dialect of the city, with a football scarf flung over her shoulders and a beerglass in hand. Recalling childhood habits of speech probably can't be called mimicry, but getting inside other people's voices is an art she manages well. Her impression of Lady "Nutmeg" impression of Lady Thatcher singing along with the Spice Girls passes all too swiftly.

Some bits of Joyce Grenfell, a clever Auctioneer song, several other pleas-ant bits and pieces and jokes that often made me smile. Fans will be happy.

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"HELLO, hello, I'm back again," said Martin Fry to an eager Empire crowd. "Now i know how Gary Glitter felt." ABC, of which Fry is now the sole original member, may be of a more recent British pop vintage than that tinselled troubadour, but they were in a way the 1980s' extension of the glam dynasty, and if Fry had continued the comparison by asking "Did you miss me?" the answer would have been a

deafening affirmative.

The fact that the first ABC show of the Nineties sold out weeks in advance was rather more about unabashed nostal-

POP

ABC Empire, W12

gia than anticipation of their return to record stores, which starts today with the single Stranger Things to be followed later in the month by an album, Skyscraping. The original group's combination of showbiz sophistication, mantic symbolism and im-mortal melodies gave them sound-of-an-era status in 1982. when The Lexicon of Love huxuriated in the charts for a fortnight short of a year. Their last good year at the box office was 1990, when the retrospective Absolutely was a Top Ten item, but proof that ABC were already the stuff of memories came the following year when Abracadabra was given an exceedingly early bath.

On the evidence of this comeback, Fry's careful incu-bation of the brand name is an object lesson in tenacity that deserves to bring fresh success. Far from setting a course for the low-rank revival circuit, he gave the group's illustrious past a renewed buff and added new sparkle with a debonair display that belied his years of absence.

yesterday, replaced by sober shirt and jeans, but Fry's quiff still shimmered and so, too, did a veritable ABC of hits. from Poison Arrow and All Of My Heart through Be Near Me and When Smokey Sings. to a final, exultant The Look of Love. Of the new songs. Stranger Things sounded suspiciously like a hit, while Only the Best Will Do reeked of Roxy Music, indicative of a performer whose heart may be in the past but who hasn't finished with the future.

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Nato enlargement is no threat to Russia,

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e still need Nato. Men of vision created it, and it has formed the bedrock of our security for five decades. It is our insurance policy against any serious threat to peace. Only Nato has the capacity to mount a challenging military operation, as Bosnia has shown. No single nation can respond to this sort of task: it takes an alliance, and a closely-bound one.

Why do the Central Europeans want to join

Nato? They wish to feel secure, and to join the family of democratic European nations where they belong. But enlarging Nato will not just be good for them. It will be good for us too. We will be entrenching Nato's democratic values across our continent. By adding to the stability of Central Europe, we reduce the risk of our sons and daughters ever having to fight in another European war.

Already, the prospect of joining Nato is helping Central European countries to overcome ethnic and territorial disputes. And once these countries feel secure, they will have the confidence to develop better relations with Russia, enhancing everyone's security.

Clearly, accepting new members in Nato must not weaken the alliance. We must fully safeguard Nato's ability to defend its own members. We shall not compromise the principle that the security of the alliance will remain indivisible. The new members must enjoy the same security within Nato as the existing ones.

It is worth pausing for a moment to consider what would happen if Nato were not to enlarge. First, the countries of Central Europe would fear that Russia was able to reassert its hegemony over them. And we would be accepting a Russian veto on Nato's decisions. The steady, predictable strategy of enlargement that has been established for three years would be halted in its tracks, creating once again a line down the middle of the map of Europe. We must tear down the old Iron

Curtain, not rust-proof and repaint it. Secondly, if left outside Nato, the Central Europeans would have to make their own national security arrangements, which would divert much-needed money to a dangerous arms race. New regional alliances might spring up. There could be new tremors along old fault-lines.

Not all countries wishing to join Nato will be invited at the alliance's Madrid summit in July to do so. But Nato's door will not close on them. Enlargement is an evolutionary process, taking into account political and security developments in the whole of Europe, it is a process that must enhance the security of all. Nato will develop a dynamic partnership with countries to its east for practical co-operation and political consultation. I hope that Nato can formalise a new relationship with Ukraine, a partner vital to Europe's stability.

T either the new Nato nor its expansion poses a threat to Russia. To deepen the security of all of Europe, all of Europe needs to be involved. And no European country is more important to European security than Russia. Its size and importance demand that we treat Russia as a full partner. Russia's relationship with Nato is as important to peace in Europe as Nato's enlargement.

I have seen it argued, in this newspaper and elsewhere, that enlarging Nato will inflame nationalistic and militaristic sentiments in Russia. I do not share that view, Russia's security will be stronger if its neighbours are secure and stable.

Russia has much to gain from change in Nato. The Nato of today and tomorrow is not the Nato of old. The alliance has no plans, no intention and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of new members: Nato will offer Russia practical co-operation and unprecedented consultation. I am confident that a deal will be struck this summer between Nato and Russia to create a new strategic partnership.

To make the whole of Europe as peaceful and secure as Western Europe, we need to extend Nato's assurances and habits of trust. Nato is on course to do this through its enlargement, by establishing new relationships with Russia and Ukraine, and by strengthening co-operation with all of our partners to the east. If we involve all Europe in Europe's security, we can entrench freedom and trust for us all.

The author is Foreign Secretary. He will be speaking on this subject today in Washington.

Most of the proposed constitutional changes are inconclusive. No one knows where they would lead

Ometimes we all miss the point.
When Stephen Dorrell made the rather off-hand comment that the Conservatives might abolish a Scottish parliament, his statement was immediately reversed by the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth and repudiated by John Major. Commentators, including myself, all agreed that once a Scottish parliament had been created, it could never be uncreated, and most of us shared in a general tut-tutting at Dorrell's indiscretion. Of course, as far as it goes, that view was justified: Michael Forsyth was right on the particular point and Stephen Dorrell was wrong. But it is not true of any of the other constitutional changes which the Labour Party is proposing. The Dorrell question — are constitutional changes was a proposition of the constitutional changes are propositional changes are proposed to the constitutional changes are proposed to the constitutional changes are proposed to the constitutional changes are proposed to the constitution of th constitutional changes reversible? — is a

good one. He has hit on one of the most important issues in Britain's political future. Once a nation starts to change its constitution in fundamental ways. change is bound to continue. The first constitutional change does not settle these matters; the new arrangements will always lack the settled authority of the old ones; it will be debated while they are being introduced, and the same means that are being used to introduce them may be used to alter them.

This is true even in the Scottish case. It will indeed be impossible for the Unionists to abolish a parliament that has been approved by a referendum and has actually come into existence. But the Scottish National Party will continue to argue that this should become the parliament of an independent Scotland. The Scottish constitutional issue may only be open to debate from one side, but it will be far from settled. The creation of a Scottish parliament, with every prospect of its quarrelling with the Westmin-ster Parliament, will strengthen the pressures for full Independence. After all, the Conservatives have been in power for 18 years at Westminster, but in all that time they have never had a majority

Labour is going to sea in a sieve

in Scotland. Can anyone suppose that Margaret Thatcher's reforms would not have been bitterly rejected by a Scot-tish parliament? If there had been a Scottish parliament since 1979, there might well have been an independent Scotland already.

The proposed Welsh assembly would also bring demands for increasing powers. There Stephen Dorrell's sugges-tion could conceivibly apply; if a Welsh assembly were to become hostile to the Westminster Parliament, and a new Conservative government saw it as an experiment which had failed, it is conceivable that Wales might be offered the choice between full independence and full reintegration back into the Westminster system. Certainly any English regional authorities could be abolished: none of them would have the standing of the old Greater London Council, and Margaret Thatcher abolished that without a constitutional crisis.

Robin Cook last week reached an agreement with the Liberal Democrats tohold a referendum on electoral reform in the next Parliament. There are many possibilities. If the Conservatives in Opposition were to be benefiting from the usual mid-Parliament protests at the time of the referendum, they might well persuade voters to keep the status quo, to the disappointment of Robin Cook and the relief of Tony Blair, Labour might opt for the alternative vote system, which gives electors second or subsequent preferences in existing single member constituencies. That would not

help Labour at present, but in some elections it might help the Conservatives in opposition.

The committee which is to recommend the referendum choice might support the German system, which retains singlemember constituencies, topped up from party lists; or the Irish, which has multimember constituencies, in which members of the same party fight against each other. The Irish system has been

William Rees-Mogg

described as "first past the parish pump", but is favoured by the Liberal Democrats. Each system has its advantages and disadvantages, though proportional systems tend to encourage the development of extreme parties, and to reduce the independence of individual members. New Labour would hardly have been possible in a fully proportional system, which is perhaps why Robin Cook supports such a system and Tony Blair does not.

For the Conservatives, a proportional system could be more attractive than they imagine; apart from Europe, there are no issues likely to split the Conserva-

provide a proportional result, it would Kenneth Clarke and John Redwood hold entirely compatible but not identical views. The Labour Party is a coalition of old and new Labour. In a proportional system it would inevitably have become two parties in the 1950s, as it would in the 1980s and probably in the 1990s. if proportional representation resulted in there being a single Conservative Party, a Liberal Democrat Party, a social democrat party (new Labour) and a socialist party (old Labour), it would probably be favourable to the Tories. It would also be good for the Liberals, who would usually be innion partners in would usually be junior partners in either a Right-Centre or a Left-Centre coalition, although a coalition between-Conservatives and social democrats might work better than one between the Conservatives and the Liberal

> Proportional representation is always unattractive to any radical politician, as it was to Margaret Thatcher, it gives the Centre a veto on change. It is an anti-radical brake, which I remember supporting in the 1970s when there seemed to be a risk of a radical socialist government. After 1958, the Gaullists in France abolished proportional representation and replaced it with the present French Constitution. If the next Parliament changes Britain's electoral system, that is likely to be the first change rather than the last.

Democrats.

Even the Labour Party admits that its proposed reform of the House of Lords, by abolishing the hereditary peers, is

only an interim measure. It would leave the Lords and a wholly appointed revising chamber of life peers, an ermine super-quango. That would be entirely undemocratic and not very efficient. Life peers have no constituencies to keep them answerable, or to keep them informed. They tend to be appointed as a sort of retirement, and their average age is high. Indeed the only very young peers are hereditary ones. If life peers are in touch with the experience of younger people, it is usually only through their children or grandchildren. No one would design such a body, and no one has produced an intelligent defence for it.

Each of the constitutional reforms proposed by the Labour Party would therefore be the beginning and not the end of a process of change. Will Scotland become independent? If Scotland stays in the United Kingdom, how can a Scottish parliament be reconciled with the Westminster Parliament, or with the position of Wales and the English regions? Should we change the British electoral system? If so, how? What sort of Upper House would work best? These are all constitutional questions which Labour will be able to open, but not to close. The effect may be rather like that of the more necessary 1832 Reform Act, which raised issues which, if one includes votes for

women, took a hundred years to settle.

Above all, there is the constitutional issue of Europe. If the Labour govern-ment does take Britain further towards membership of a European superstate, it will unite the Conservatives in a much tougher Euroscepticism. The further-Labour takes Britain in, the more likely the Tories will be to want to take Britain out. The nation will be polarised on the European issue, and public opinion is already moving in a Eurosceptical direction. Since women were given the vote. Britain has not seen rioting in the streets over constitutional issues. New Labour may live to regret setting out to sea in this particular sieve.

Well done, Prime Minister

Peter Riddell

says John Major's achievements

should not be

forgotten in defeat

Il long-serving governments end in tears. In the struggle for personal survival and for advantage in opposition, frac-tiousness and recrimination distort perspective. Achievements are ignored and leaders are criticised for defeats which probably could not have been avoided. That happened in 1905 and 1964 to the Tories, and to Labour in 1951, and is occurring again now after 18 years of with John Major as Prime Minister. But instead of blaming Mr Major, Tories should praise him for extending their period in office. The Major years will be een by historians as not a dismal aftermath to the allegedly golden Thatcher era, but rather as a crucial period when Thatcherism was taken further and entrenched.

Mr Major should be a hero in the Thatcherite pantheon, not the villain he is portrayed as by the likes of Alis-tair McAlpine and George Gardiner, both now part of the distillusioned band who have signed up for Sir James Goldsmith's experiment in fantasy politics. For the true believers who have never reconciled themselves to her fall, Margaret Thatcher was everything and Mr Major is nothing, a weak man who has betrayed her legacy. McAlpine's waspish and ultimately rather, sad memoirs show that he never really understood politics. He was a creature of the salon and the saleroom rather than

the seminar. Like many Thatcher courtiers, he was fixated by her and could never appreciate the contribution of the other main architects of Thatcherism: Geoffrey Howe, Norman Tebbit and Nigel Lawson. Her falling out with them in the second half of the 1980s was wholly different from her earlier routing of the patrician "wets" that established her ascendancy. But courtiers like McAlpine



saw both groups as traitors. They could never understand that all politicians are mortal, and that by the end of the 1980s it was time for her to go. She had made her immense contribution to changing the direction of Britain, and by then had lost touch. The survival of Thatcherism required a new leader.

The Tories would, I believe, have lost their majority in a general elec-tion in 1991-92 if Mrs Thatcher had remained Prime Minister. Of course, many voters would have still been hos-tile to Neil Kinnock and sceptical about Labour's tax and spending plans. But that would have been offset by Mrs Thatcher's personal unpopularity and her resistance to scrapping the poll tax. As my colleague Michael Gove recently wrote in The Times Literary Supplement, Michael Heseltine's challenge to Mrs Thatcher made a fourth Conserva-

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

tive term possible and "like Bonaparte, Heseltine saved the revolution from

By contrast with Margaret Thatcher, Mr Major appeared as a healer and a unifier, a fresh face at the head of a new Government. That freshness soon disappeared, particularly after sterling's forced exit from the European exchangerate mechanism, but the victory of April 1992 has given the Tories five years in office that they would otherwise not have had. So obsessed are many Tories with Europe that they forget what else has happened. Privatisation has been extended; long overdue changes in the running of public services have been introduced; the Citizen's Charter and performance tables have increased pressure to im-

prove standards; attempts have been made to control the growth in the social security budget and to help or push those on benefits back into work; and macro-economic policy has been put on a more sensible and open basis. This has all been done despite many mistakes. some of which date back to the rows at the end of the Thatcher era, and some of which reflect Mr Major's willingness to raise public spending in the 1987-92 period. Nonetheless, overall, the Major years have seen the completion and development of the Thatcherite programme, as well as reforms in the public sector which have been more radical than she contemplated.

But the crucial result of Mr Major's premiership, and especially his victory in April 1992, has been the acceptance of much of this by Labour. Even though Mr Kinnock's now underappreciated

Strip-off

campaigners.

FOREST, the Freedom Organ-

isation for the Right to Enjoy

Smoking Tobacco, has been bor-

rowing some sensationalist adver-

tising techniques from the anti-fur

The group, whose supporters include Lord Deedes, Neil Hamilton,

MP, and Norman Stone, have sent

out a picture of a man and woman,

naked, kneeling and covering their modesty with their hands. Their

slogan is "Don't let smokers be

jettisoned many of the party's past commitments, ambiguities remained, particularly over the unions and public services. Tony Blair recognised at the time that Labour had not changed enough. Over the past five years, the Labour leadership has broadly accepted a free-market approach and tight public spending and tax constraints. Privatisation and the union laws of the 1980s will

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here are, of course, many questions about how genuine and deep is "new" Labour's commitment to these policies. Many of its instincts favour state solutions, as shown by the stridently negative initial reaction to Peter Lilley's pension proposals last week. Labour is still cool on realchoice in education and favours centrally directed initiatives to improve standards. Even in its cautious Blairite form. Labour would be more than just the would be different - for instance, on helping the long-term and young unemployed. But a Blair government would operate within, and largely accept, an economic framework and limits on government created in the Thatcher and

Yet if Mr Major has ensured that the Thatcher legacy in economic and social policy will be lasting, he has had to cope with its political contradictions. By temperament as well as circumstance, he has never been able to master the deep divisions within his party over Europe. All he has been able to do is to manoeuvre to keep his Government and party more or less intact, to the satisfaction of few. Mr Major has also been slow to understand the worries about abuse of power raised by one party being in office for so long. And when he has tried to provide reassurance, as for instance through the appointment of the Nolan inquiry, he has annoyed his own side.

A real Conservative would appreciate that no party, and no prime minister, can remain in office for ever. I do not agree with those who believe a period in opposition will do the Tories good. Just ask any Labour MP. Opposition is likely to be disagreeable and divisive. But defeat should be accepted as having probably been inevitable, whoever had been party leader. Instead of vilifying Mr Major, the Tory party should recognise how much he has done for it.

Closing ranks

LONDON'S taxi drivers are preparing to sabotage the Prime Minister. This morning he will be answering questions on Scott Chisholm's show on Talk Radio, a station devoted to phone-ins and endless windbaggery, and a favourite of the "You II never guess who I had in the back of my cab" school.

The black cab drivers, however, are ganging up to clog the switch-boards with questions about the problem of minicabs touting round London, which they feel is undermining their business. Posters have gone up in certain areas urging Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to impose restrictions on minicabs or resign.

The Prime Minister's appearance on what cabbies regard as their station offers them the chance to get a decent answer to their question, and never mind Europe, taxes or any other issue.

Talk Radio, however, is prepared. "We have been recording questions, names and phone numbers for three days," says a spokesman. "When there are lots of calls from the same number we ignore them. If anyone gets on air asking the same questions, we'll just cut

em off. We know how to stop this

sort of thing." Downing Street is also ready for the cabbies' charge: "The Prime Minister is fully briefed on all the questions he is likely to be asked — minicab touting included."

 Channel 4's addiction to controversy continues with negotiations to make a film adaptation of The



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Big Kiss, a vicious first novel by David Huggins, son of the Sherlock Holmes actor Jeremy Brett. The book's greatest claim to literary distinction is winning last year's Bad Sex Prize, handed out by Auberon Waugh's notoriously unsexy Literary Review, for a bedroom scene of blanket-kicking

awfulness.

G SWIZZ PITY Brad Irwin and Suzanne Troy of Denver, Colorado, who have seen their wedding plans steamrollered by the Group of Seven world leaders. Irwin and Miss Troy put down a \$1,000 deposit last October to wed on June 21 in the atrium of the Denver Museum of Natural History, with its impressive views over the Rocky

Mountains. Unfortunately, the G7 has decided to hold its annual summit in the museum, and for some reason, the leaders of Britain, Canada, Germany, France, Japan, Italy and the United States take

precedence. The museum offered the couple an alternative date, but caterers and photographers had been booked and printed invitations have already gone out for that day. Irwin thinks he may have a solution. "If the President's in Denver." he says. then how about we use the White House?" He awaits a reply.

No support

GOOD and bad news for Tony Blair. The good news is that Bernard Manning is no fan. "His party appears to dictate to him," says the comedian in this month's Esquire. "John Prescott seems to be working him with his foot like a dummy. I shouldn't think he'd make a good Prime Minister: you need someone like Churchill or Enoch Powell."

The bad news is that Irvine Welsh, author of Trainspotting and, one would have imagined, a natural Labour supporter, is no fan

"Blair has the same policies as John Major," he says, "so he'll

make the same kind of Prime Minoration, but they hope it will be ister. Stylistically, he'll probably be gone by Wimbledon more slick and smarmy."

Tim Henman has turned up in California sporting a tattoo on his right bicep. He is photographed here practising for this week's Newsweek Champions Cup. The tattoo depicts a punkish cartoon character. Fans are concerned that Henman is showing disturbing Andre Agassi tendencies with this venture into body dec-



Still rolling

stripped of their rights".

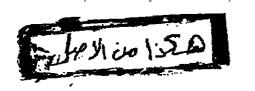
KATE MOSS, the model, appears to have a new walker. She has been spending a conspicuous amount of time during her recent trips to London with Tarka "The Otter" Campbell, a young Scottish aristocrat and a resident of Notting Hill Gate.

Campbell, who is in his late twenties and of independent means, runs with a fast set which includes Lord and Lady Durham and gaggles of junior Pakenhams, led by the barrister Orlando Fraser, the son of Lady Antonia.



Kate: Depp-privation

All of which leaves the question of Johnny Depp, the film star, to whom Miss Moss has been publicly attached for the past couple of years. Depp has a reputation for smashing up hotel rooms when jealous. Campbell, reassuringly, is said not to be the sort to duck when the make-up pots start flying.



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THE POOR RELATION

Primary education deserves more attention - and money

The first seven years of a child's education keep up with the lessons. Alienated by their are more important than any others. In this is time they are taught the literacy and numeracy from which all further studies follow. They learn the discipline, independence and respect for others which are vital for adjustment to secondary school. A good primary school can set children up for life; a bad one can blight their chances.

From tomorrow, when we publish the first league tables of primary school results, parents will be able to rely on more than word of mouth in choosing the right school for their young children. All this week, The Times will be concentrating on primary education, state and private, with advice on which characteristics to look for in a good school, how to interpret the league tables, and how the tests work.

Tomorrow's tables are not perfect; like all rankings, particularly at their inception, they are open to criticism. They do not measure the improvement a school has wrought on its pupils. Until the five-year-old tests have been up and running for six years, it will be difficult to assess the "value added" by a school. But they do show that schools with similar intakes can produce wildly different results. This information may be embarrassing to teachers, but it is very useful to parents.

Although the national results in English and maths show a ten-point improvement on last year, they are still unimpressive. Only 55-57 per cent of Il-year-olds reached the expected levels. These are not average levels; they are the standards that all 11-yearolds without special educational needs should be able to achieve. In the worst schools, some 11-year-olds are four or five years behind in reading, writing and arithmetic. No other Western country has such a large number trailing so far at this stage.

The result is that too many children enter secondary school unable to cope with the academic demands made upon them. If they have a reading age of seven, they cannot surroundings, they are naturally tempted to play truant and turn to crime. The most important task for the next government will be to address this educational dip that occurs between the age of seven - when the vast majority of children are achieving good standards - and II, by which age many have fallen behind.

In these later years of primary school, ten subjects are on the national curriculum. Yet one class teacher is expected to teach them all. In private schools, children usually have the same teacher for all subjects until they are about eight; then they are taught by specialists. Such an approach has generally been resisted by state schools, but there is much to commend it, particularly in technical subjects such as maths, science and information technology.

The other necessary reform is for pupils of roughly the same ability to be taught together. Good primary schools already group children by ability, either within the class or, if the school is big enough, in different streams. A less rigid attachment to chronological age would help even more. If brighter children were allowed to move up the school faster and those who were struggling could learn with younger children, teachers would no longer have to deal with an unmanageably wide range of ability in one classroom. The aim should be to ensure that no normal child left primary school without the basic skills needed to cope

with the next stage of education. Not all these reforms, however, are costless. There are not enough specialist teachers, for instance, in maths and science. If a new government were to give primary education the attention that it deserved, it might question why only £2,053 a year is spent on each pupil compared with £2,728 on those in secondary schools. The spotlight has now been shone on the early years of education; perhaps it is time for a reordering of financial priorities too.

SCOTTISH QUESTIONS

Supporters of devolution must come up with some answers

The success of the Scottish Labour Party conference, with Tony Blair enjoying an enthusiastic reception and victory in internal. battles, masks deeper problems for the party in what should be its heartland. Those problems are not insuperable, but they will ing and straighter talking than the party has so far been prepared to embrace.

As our election guide today shows. Labour's plans to set up a parliament in Edinburgh reflect majority opinion in Scotland; and the party's Scottish MPs have been sincere in trying to create an assembly which can command cross-party support within Scotland. Their proposals, however, while conceived in hope are flawed in execution. They take insufficient account of Scotland's relationship with the rest of the United Kingdom and could place a strain on the Union they are intended to save. If devolution is to work and the potential of decentralisation is to be harnessed, Labour will have to risk the wrath of its nationalist wing to find the right solutions.

It may be that support for self-government changes with a change of government. A great deal of the momentum for constitutional change springs from frustration that Scotland has sent a Labour majority to Westminster and been governed by Conservative ministers. The Government has been blamed by Scots for industrial decline and insensitive administration, not least the early introduction of the poll tax.

Much of the anger is misplaced. Scotland's traditional smokestack industries could not have survived the pace of global economic change and the Scottish economy, thanks to Tory reforms and an impressive inward investment record, is in good heart. The poll tax was implemented early in Scotland not because of thoughtlessness but a desire by ministers to spare Scots the pain of a difficult rates revaluation. If Scotland

was a guinea-pig, it was a pampered one. Nevertheless, the demand for autonomy is real. The Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, deserves credit for trying to satisfy it within current constitutional structures by imaginative gestures and an activist administrative posture. Scots voters are still likely to vote for more. Labour should not assume. however, that victory at the polls would be a licence to legislate for its current scheme.

The first flaw lies in Labour's referendum plan. Scots are being invited to make too large a leap in the dark, being asked to vote on the principle of devolution before a Bill has gone through Parliament. The second weakness is Labour's refusal satisfactorily to answer the West Lothian question. Why should Scots MPs be able to vote on education in England when English MPs have no say in Scotland?

It is true, as Labour points out, that Ulster MPs enjoyed that right during the lifetime of Stormont. But while Stormont existed, Ulster's representation at Westminster was reduced. If Labour insists, as it does at present, on keeping Scotland's 72 seats at Westminster then the English, understandably, will have cause for resentment. If Labour had a majority of English MPs that would take some sting out of the question

but it would not resolve the matter. There are other potential pitfalls. Once a Scottish parliament were set up, the role of the Scottish Secretary in the UK Cabinet would be, at best, marginal. Scotland's voice within the UK would be less strong. The taxvarying powers promised could call into question the current generous level of Exchequer grant. They are, however, not nearly large enough to satisfy nationalist complaints that Scotland's grievances could be better addressed with greater fiscal freedom. Those who sincerely want devolution to work have a duty to ensure that these genuine concerns are addressed.

PUTTING LEFT TO RIGHTS

A new era is at hand for the southpaw

Thanks to the Wykehamist ingenuity of the musician Christopher Seed, pianos can now be tailored for the left-handed. Until now, the left hand has been the honest manual labourer on the keyboard, relegated to dull repetitive work while the right enjoys artisan status, given delicate melodies to construct. Mr Seed, after a few happy hours playing with his electronic organ, was able, as it were, to put the boot on the other hand and reverse the structure of the keyboard. The resulting liberation of the left-handed pianist is not only a boon to many hitherto handicapped musicians; it is also a symbolic blew for digital equality.

It is unfashionable now, especially in Labour circles, to lean to the left, but a preference for the wrong paw has been the mark of creative geniuses from Michelangelo to McCartney. Whichever side of the brain governs the rational and whichever the emotional, the accumulated evidence of the past points to a concentration of talent among the minority who are unambigu-

ously left-handed. in the past, southpaws had to endure vilification as poisonous as any meted out to a minority. In medieval villages, lefthanders were suspected of supping with applause

Satan and prejudices did not die with the unfortunate victims at the stake. As late as Oueen Victoria's reign, left-handed children had to have their disability "corrected" by being forced to write with what the authorities considered to be, in every sense, the right hand.

Left-handers have only recently found themselves treated on terms of rough equality and, as with so many minorities, it is the market rather than any ideology which has been their truest liberator. Canny capitalists have opened new vistas as well as wine bottles for the left-handed, producing products from corkscrews to guitars designed to break down barriers for the sinister.

Mr Seed's latest invention is, however, of a different order from many of the gadgets which have gone before. The fruit of his labour will allow the fiendish arpeggios of especially demanding composers to fall in the range of many players who until now were, like David Evans, MP, too clumsily heavy-handed on the right. For left-handed pianists, the invention promises, as with the advent of the credit card, a Chopin revolution. It is an advance that, whichever hand one claps with, deserves enthusiastic

Laird scored twice Mery Priest for the winner.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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bugged surgeries

From the Chairman of the General Medical Services Committee, BMA.

Sir, The concerns expressed in our let-ter of January 20 about the threat to patient confidentiality posed by the Police Bill remain unallayed.

The maintenance of confidentiality lies at the heart of medical practice. A doctor can be removed from the medical register for a breach of confidentiality; indeed the Law Commission recommended in 1981 that a breach of confidence be made a statutory offence. Yet, under the agreement on the Bill between the Government and the Opposition, prior approval from a commissioner - a High Court judge appointed by the Prime Minister will not be necessary before the police can carry out covert surveillance or 'bugging" of a doctor's surgery or hospital ward in "urgent cases". The police can listen in and then seek retrospective approval from the commissioner.

We believe that the decision to violate the confidentiality of the very personal information that patients communicate to a doctor should only be made by a High Court judge, who has no vested interest in "getting a result". The police are already obliged to seek the assistance of the doctor or the authority of a circuit judge before they can have access to a patient's medical notes. The same protection should be given to the conversations between patient and doctor which inform the patient's medical record.

In those rare cases where it is the doctor who is suspected of abusing his or her professional position and engaging in serious criminal activity, we believe that it should be for an independent judge to weigh the public interest in the enforcement of the criminal law and in the maintenance of the trust patients have in their doctors.

Yours faithfully, IAN G. BOGLE, General Medical Services Committee, BMA, NORMAN BROWSE (Chairman, Joint Consultants Committee) JAMES N. JOHNSON (Chairman, Central Consultants and Specialists Committee, BMA), A. W. MACARA (Chairman of Council, BMA). NAREN PATEL (Chairman, Academy of Royal Colleges),

KEITH PETERS (Chairman, Council of Dears of UK-Medical Schools and Faculties), LESLIE TURNBERG (Chairman, Specialist Training Authority). British Medical Association. Tavistock Square, WCI.

Planning 'propriety' From Dr Richard Fordham

Sir, I would like to support the Presi-

dent of the Royal Town Planning In-stitute (letter, March 5) in his criticism of Mr John Gummer's belief that local planning decisions on sites for social housing are being determined more by political and electoral considerations than planning ones.

We are the main firm carrying out housing needs surveys for councils. and in the related field of negotiating social housing from developers. We have worked for about a quarter of the councils in England and Wales and would say that councils act pretty diligently in planning for housing sites on which they then negotiate social housing wherever possible.

The main recent problem has been the government advice for which Mr Gummer, as Secretary of State for the Environment, is responsible. This defies logic by including low-cost market-priced housing in the definition of affordable/social housing and also encourages developers to buy out of their obligation to provide social housing. Both these actions reduce the scope of councils to respond directly to housing

The inclusion of low-cost market housing in the definition of affordable/social housing was, I have been told, a politicial decision by ministers. In my opinion it comes far closer to impropriety than anything I have witnessed from councils.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD FORDHAM (Managing Director), Fordham Research Services, 99 Talbot Road, Wil. March 7.

Rules of cohabitation

From Mr Hugh G. Meechan

Sir. Lord Rees-Mogg states (article, March 6) that 'The implication of a preference for cohabitation over marriage is that there is an unwillingness of one partner or the other, or both, to commit to permanence". For myself and my partner, and I am sure many others, this is not correct. Our choice not to get married is be-

cause we do not see it as necessary to involve the State in our commitment to each other. It should not be necessary to have "absolute rules" imposed by the State to ensure that we stay together.

Yours faithfully HUGH G. MÉECHAN, 100 Bishops Park. Mid Calder, West Lothian. March ó.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Doctors' worry on Fairer spending on schooling for all

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Education and Employment

Sir, Margot Norman (article, March l) is wrong both in her analysis of the costs and relative benefits of assisted places and in her view that this is the only way in which bridges can be built between the independent and state

Labour's proposal is to phase out, not to abolish, the scheme. We will provide no new places after this Sep-tember. The £161 million saved will pay for our plan to reduce class sizes to 30 or under for half a million five. six and seven-year-olds currently in larger classes. This has been costed independently by the National Foundation for Educational Research at £68

Labour does not accept the assessment cited by Ms Norman, which was commissioned by the independent schools and erroneously assumed that the marginal cost of educating the 6,000 pupils a year who might otherwise have gone on assisted places would be the same as the average cost. It is not, as the present Government, which has accommodated 318,000 extra state pupils over the last three ears with no extra grant, could tes-

The best way to improve standards for all is both through a major improvement in the basics in primary school and the development of specialisms and the grouping of pupils by subject ability in secondary school. Labour has put forward clear propo-sals in this regard. I do also as Ms Norman mentions, favour partnerships with independent schools, both encouraging greater co-operation with state schools — and supporting facilities which are not available in the state sector, such as those in special or

However, given that we have limited resources available for education, I do not believe it is justifiable to continue rapidly expanding assisted places which benefit such a limited number of youngsters instead of improving standards for seven million state

DAVID BLUNKETT, House of Commons. March 3.

From the Executive Secretary of the Campaign for State Education

Sir, Margot Norman paints a very emotive picture of parents condemned to keeping their bright children in state education if money is diverted from the Assisted Places Scheme. I could use selective quotes too - from parents happy with their bright child's achievements at neighbourhood comprehensives.

Surely other issues should be addressed. In comparison with other countries this country does least well by its less able children. As a result both the economic prospects of the country and the children themselves

The Government's current spending estimate of £118 million of public money on assisted places in around 300 private schools compares very unfavourably with their spending of £5 million on the much needed literacy and numeracy centres. Currently more than 28 per cent of our children in the 19,000 primary schools are in classes over 30. We have to get our priorities right

Yours sincerely, MARGARET TULLOCH, Executive Secretary, Campaign for State Education, 158 Durham Road, SW20. March 4.

Sentencing of persistent burglars

From Baroness Blatch, Minister of State, Home Office

Sir. In my letter of February 19 on the Crime (Sentences) Bill I pointed out that there is very little progression in the sentencing of persistent burglars. The figures I gave were 16.2 months on first conviction, 18.9 months on a third-or-more conviction and 19.4 months on a seventh-or-more convic-

Lord Ackner (letter, February 24) disputes these figures, on the grounds that they cover a sample of "only" 949 burglars (out of a total of 78,300 sentenced in those two years) and relate to a period when the courts were precluded from taking previous convictions into account when passing

However, figures based on a sample from convictions in 1994, by which time the courts were able to take previous convictions into account, show exactly the same pattern: average sentences of 15 months on first conviction and only 19 months on a third-ormore conviction. A complete analysis of all convictions in 1994 confirms the

The fact is that, however the figures are analysed, there is no evidence of any significant progression in sentencing for repeat burglars. That is why the Bill will require the courts to imnose a minimum sentence of not less

than three years on third or subsequent conviction.

The Director of Justice, in her letter accompanying Lord Ackner's, argues that mandatory sentences will result in more contested trials, and "plea bargains" between the prosecution and the defence. The answer to the first point is that the Bill allows the court to reduce mandatory sentences by up to 20 per cent to take account of timely guilty pleas, thus providing an incentive for those who are guilty to

The second point, frankly, is no more than scaremongering: I do not believe for a moment that the Crown Prosecution Service would be party to "circumventing mandatory sentences" as she suggests.

Finally, Sir Frederick Lawton (also on the same page) asks what constitutes "exceptional circumstances" for the purpose of the discretion that judges will have to set aside mandatory penalties. That will be a matter for the courts themselves to determine in all the circumstances of the particular case - as it is already in relation to the power to impose a suspended sentence of imprisonment.

Yours sincerely. EMILY BLATCH, Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, SWI. February 26.

Benefits of Europe

From the Chairman of the European Movement - United Kingdom

Sir. Yesterday the European Move-ment launched Europe 97, a major information campaign to give British people facts about the benefits of Britain's EU membership.

The campaign details 97 reasons to be in Europe, ranging from the expansion in trade with Europe to examples of companies which have done well out of the single market. It will show that our membership of the EU has led to improved environmental standards and helped to secure the longest unbroken period of peace in Europe

for 300 years: British business is more successful, British people are better off, and Britain is a more influential nation in the world because Britain is a member of the European Union.

The campaign is financed with a grant of £150,000 from the European Commission and £100,000 from British business and is receiving support from trade unions and representatives of all political parties.

Yours sincerely, GILES RADICE, Chairman. European Movement -United Kingdom, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, SW1. March 7.

Library example

From Mr Walter Corbett

Sir. One evening last week I was shown round the glistening new Centre Ulysse in the little town of Lamalou-les-Bains, in the South of France. On the roof, an array of satellite dishes, and beneath it, rooms full of computers, a "library" packed with CD-Roms, and a computer-equipped lecture theatre.

Membership of the "library" costs 50 francs (£5.50) a year; use of a computer to access the Internet, 45 francs an hour. There are classes in computer literacy for young and old. Local businesses, hospitals and professional people can use video-conferencing facilities to access clients, or expert opinion, worldwide.

Lamalou and its two neighbouring townships together boast a population a little over 10,000. Contributions towards the cost of the building and equipping of the centre (in round figures) came from the townships (Frl million), local and regional authorities (Fr2 million), local industry and hospitals (Frl.5 million) and l'Europe (Fr2.5 million).

Are we missing something? Yours faithfully. WALTER CORBETT.

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17 The Green, Newick, East Sussex.

'Kitchen slavery'

From Mrs Philippa Grace

Sir, According to Catherine Cronin (report, March 7), modern labour-saving devices have left women spending just as long in the kitchen as their mothers or grandmothers.

What she appears not to recognise is that the early machine efficiency in the kitchen raised standards without the need for domestic helpers (family or paid). It was a long time before many businesses become so efficient.

The woman may now be so busy earning money that she does not have time to encourage her family to help with the chores; but to say, as your headline did, that she has been "tricked into kitchen slavery by all mod cons" (later editions) is ridiculous. One member of a family of six, with a dishwasher, can clear up a meal alone, without making the others feel guilty; and if the older children cannot use a washing machine, they will have problems when they leave home.

Many mothers of young children now have time for at least part-time work, which would have been impossible without outside help before the advent of machines in the home.

Yours faithfully. PHILIPPA GRACE, 13 Blandford Avenue, Oxford.

Society safe from same fate as Dolly

From Professor Stephen G. Hillier

Sir, I applaud the vein of sound common sense running through your leading article ("Double trouble"; February 27; see also letters, February 28); it was an oasis of reason in the sensational media response to the Roslin group's announcement of the cloning

Whether or not (the latter I suspect) the precise cloning procedure used falls within the letter of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act (1990) it most certainly falls within its spirit. A strength of that legislation lies in the flexibility that empowers the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) to act on contentious issues such as this (assuming

it could actually work for humans). Even if the Roslin procedure does fall outside the Act, the HFEA has a code of practice against which the application of such a procedure to create a human being would currently be judged completely unacceptable. Without a treatment licence issued by

the authority, it would be illegal. This pragmatic way of dealing with sensational new problems not envisaged by the Act, as drafted, has been deployed to good effect since it became law. Witness the authority's stance on sex selection and the use of foetal or cadaveric ovarian tissue for infertility

treatment, both of which are banned. In this way the UK leads the world in handling the morally and socially let alone medically — disturbing is-sues that continue to come at a pace in the wake of the revolution in our new understanding of the science of reproduction and genetics. Whether and how this knowledge should be used is for society to decide.

The essence of a civilised society is knowledge, not ignorance. That is the power of scientific research.

Yours faithfully, S. G. HILLIER (Member, HFEA, 1990-96). University of Edinburgh, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, 37 Chalmers Street, Edinburgh.

From the Editor of the

Bulletin of Medical Ethics Sir, Reports of the creation of Dolly the lamb by cloning an adult sheep cell have rightly led to worldwide concern and discussion. One voice, however, has been absent: that of the Home Office. The Home Secretary has yet to explain why he was content, licence, as required by the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, for the work that was designed to lead to Dolly's creation.

The enormous public concern was as predictable then as now, so why was no attempt made to test public opinion with a wide consultation before granting the licence?

Yours sincerely, R. H. NICHOLSON, Editor. Bulletin of Medical Ethics, 31 Corsica Street, N5.

Politics of hope

From Mr Bernard Kaukas Sir, Mr Nicolas Walter of the Rationalist Press Association (letter, March 5) boldly, and wrongly, claims that our most precious values - including liberty, equality and fraternity - arose before or outside or after the Judaeo-Christian tradition.

The consequences of two and a half decades of French slaughter and rapine over the whole of Europe in the name of those three "secular" values need no gloss added; nor does the count of 40 million Russians destroyed by Lenin and Stalin under the same banner.

What is odd about his assertion is that liberty, equality and fraternity ("love one another" embraces all three) is exactly what Christ preached to all who would hear Him. The fact that they have not yet been realised worldwide does not in any way demean His teaching.

Yours faithfully. BERNARD KAUKAS 13 Lynwood Road, Ealing, W5. March 6.

It's all relatives

From Mr Peter S. Dewar

Sir, I note from your front page today that "A history teacher at a Somerset school discovered vesterday that he had a Stone Age ancestor who lived 9,000 years ago".

So did I ... and so did everybody

Yours faithfully PETER S. DEWAR. 7 Colliton Court, 31 Cumberland Road, Bromley, Kent. March 8.

Stops and starts

From Mr Graham Ramsay

Sir, I can understand Tom Courtenay's alarm on being told that his train would terminate at its destination (letters, February 22 and 25). I am sure that he will sympathise with mine on being informed, a year or two back, that "the station now rapidly approaching is Swindon".

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM RAMSAY. 33 Howe Street, Edinburgh. March 6.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March & The Duke of Edinburgh. Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, this morning presented certificates to young people participating in The Duke of Edin-burgh's Award Scheme, at the British

School, Muscat, Omari. His Royal Highness. President Emeritus, this evening attended a Dinner for the World Wide Fund for

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March & The Prince Edward. Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation. this morning flew to Nassau, Ba-hamas, and was received on arrival by Mr Peter Young (British High

Commissioner).

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Duke of Edinburgh's Award World Fellowship Luncheon at Government House and was neceived by the Governor-General (His Excellency Sir Orville Turn-

quest).
The Prince Edward afterwards attended an Award presentation cere-mony at Government House.

Royal engagements

Forthcoming marriages

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, will attend the Dr P.R.A. Abrahams Commonwealth Day Observance and Miss A.J. Deveney at Westminster Abbey at 3.15.
Later, they will attend the
Commonwealth Day reception at
Mariborough House at 6.30.
The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will give a reception for participants in Mississauga, Canada. siness in the Environment's Index of Corporate Environmental Señor J. Pariade Engagement at St James's Palace at 4.30.

Memorial services

Mrs Elspeth Huxley A memorial service for Mrs Elspeth Huxley, novelist, was held on Saturday at Oaksey Parish Church, Malmesbury, Wilsshire. The Rev Barry Raven officiated. Mr Hugh Huxley, grandson, and Mr Charles Huxley, son, read the lessons. Mr Josceline Huxley, grandson, read de la Mare's The Scribe and Mr Alexander Huxley. grandson, read his own work, Traveller, where do you head? The Right Hon Sir John May A memorial service for the Right Hon Sir John May will be held in Temple Church on Wednesday,

March 19, 1997, at 5pm.

was in attendance.

The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr A.C.W. Abrahams, of London, and Mrs L Myking, of Cambridge and Abigail, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Deveney, of

His Royal Highness later flew to West Palm Beach, Florida, United

States of America, and this evening

attended a Dinner in support of the International Award for Young People at Elephant Walk.

March 8: The Princess Royal. President, Save the Children Fund. accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the West Midlands Appeal Gala Dinner and Ball at the International Convention. Centre. Rimingham.

Convention Centre, Birmingham, and was received by Mr Roger Dickens (Deputy Licutenant of West

March 9: The Duke of Edinburgh this morning left Oman to fly to Mongolia. This evening His Royal Highness arrived in Ulaan Baatar.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 9: The Prince Edward this evening arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from the United States of

and the Hon Louisa Hoyer Miller

The engagement is announced between Jaime, son of Señor Francisco Parlade and Señora Mary Parlade, of Banahavis, Malaga, Spain, and Louisa, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Inchyra, of Kings Somborne,

Mr G.W. Sanderson and Miss C.A. Oates The engagement is announced

between George, only son of Mr and Mrs Colin Sanderson, of Irby upon Humber, Lincolnshire, and Cathee, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Ontes, of the Principality of Monaco and Kensington, London.

Nature notes appear on the facing page today

Marriages

Captain G.R. Denison-Smith and Miss L.M.P. Stephenson The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Badminton, of Captain Guy Robert Denison-Smith, son of Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony and Lady Denison-Smith, of Gosfield, Essex, to Miss Lucinda Mary Pamela Stephenson, daughter of Mr Timothy Stephenson, of Weyhill, Hampshire, and of Mrs Nerena Stephenson, of Didmarton, Gloucestershire. The Rev C. Mulholland

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Sophie Jewson, Isobel Jewson, Jamie Stephenson, Georg-ina Breitmeyer and Miss Minette Stephenson. Mr Simon Denison-Smith was best man. A guard of honour was found by

non-commissioned officers of the Grenadier Guards. A reception was held at Grittleton House, Grittleton, and

the honeymoon will be spent in Mexico and New York. Mr CJ. Holliday and Mrs H.D. Terry

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, March 8, at \$t Mary's Church, Batsford, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, of Christopher James (Kit) Holliday, widower of Margot, of Painswick, and Heather Dawn Terry, nee King, widow of John, of Batsford. The reception was held at Wyck Hill House Hotel Stow-on-the

Mr B.L. Shmon

and Miss I.J. Macleod The marriage took place on Feb-ruary 15, 1997, at Greyfriars Tolbooth and Highland Kirk, Edinburgh, of Russell James, only son of Mr and Mrs Ralph K. Simon, of Cape Town, and Iona Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman S.M. Macleod, of Dumfries. The Rev D.M. Beckett, BA, BD, officiated.

Dinner

London Cornish Association Lord St Levan, President of the London Cornish Association. accompanied by Lady St Levan, presided at the annual anniversary dinner held on Saturday at the Portman Hotel. Sir Vernon Seccombe. President of the Cornwall Family History Society, was the principal speaker and Ms Ann Trevenen Jenkin, Deputy Grand Bard of the Cornish Gorsedd, was the principal guest.

University news Cambridge, King's College Elected into professorial fellowships: George Petros Efstathiou,

LARRO - On Thursday March 6th 1997 peacefully Dorothy aged 82 much loved sistar, sout and great nurt.

Private computer followed by Thanksgiving Service at Ashperton Church near Ledbury at 12 noon on Priday 14th March. Family flowers easy. Donations to RML1, on the transi theorer 133 The Homesol Ledbury, Horefordshire. (01531) 632 094

MARSH - Ethel May "Chris" sadiy passed away 26th February in Southlands Hospital, See was a friend in

PRINTS On 4th March peacefully in Haslemere after a long liness. Michael, aged 64 years. Funeral Service private Dimetics, if desired, to Farkinson's Disease Society, c/o G.M. Luff, 84 Lion Lane, Raslemere, GUZZ 1E, tak



Tasha Wainwright, 10, tests the scent of a Laelia Harpophylla orchid

Exotic orchids have rare appeal

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture correspondent

A SINISTER-LOOKING orchid with green cobra-like flowers found in Belize by staff from the Irish National Botanic Gardens proved one of the stars of the London Orchid Show.

Named Sarcoglottis Sceptrodes, the orchid is one of many species recently collected from Belize for the Glasnevin Gardens in Dublin. The gardens have a revitalisation programme for or-chids and are building up collections of various kinds for conservation and research.

Exhibits from the USA. Belgium, Holland and France gave the show, staged by the Royal Horticultural Society at Westminster over the weekend, a truly international flavour. J & L Orchids, of Connecticut, known for their rare species, staged a collec-tion of miniatures from the high-

Birthdays today

birthday roday.

Prince Edward celebrates his 33rd

Sir Lawrence Airey, former chair-

man. Board of Inland Revenue. 71:

Sir Robert Bellinger, former presi-

dent, National Savings Com-

mittee, 87: Air Chief Marshal Sir

Brian Burnett, 84; Sir Paul Con-

politan Police, 50; Mr Fou Ts'ong,

lands of South America, one of the most eye-catching being the bright orange Masdevallia Hurtzii. Miniature species from South-East Asia were featured by the Equatorial Plant Company, of Barnard Castle, Co Durham. Many of the tiny plants nestled among moss on pieces of tree trunk, including the red-flowered Dendrobium Cuthbertsonli from New Guinea.

The gold medal display from Ivens Orchids of Sandreach. Hertfordshire, also had cymbidi ums as a centrepiece a mixture of Sarah Jean "The Bride" whose white flowers have a hint of pink. Sarah Jean "Ice Cascade" with pure white pendulous flowers, and Dag whose greeny-yellow flowers have a white lip.

A new orchid company, Orchid Answers, of Almodington, West

concert pianist, 63; Sir Angus Fraser, former chairman, Board of

Customs and Excise, 69: Dame

Margaret Fry, former chairman,

National Union of Conservative

and Unionist Associations, 66: Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnler.

63: Sir Samuel Goldman, civil

servant, 85: Sir Charles Hardle,

chartered accountant, 87; Mr War-

ren Hawksley. MP, 54; Mr Hugh

Johnson, wine expert, 58; General

Sir John Learmont, 63: Mr Tony

who was previously with McBean's Orchids, has been swarded a gold medal for a fine display of cymbidiums and phalaenopsis. The latter were arranged in the form of a double helix, a novel idea which showed them off particularly well A gold medal was awarded to Vacherot and Leconfle, of St

Sussex, established by Ray Bilton

Vacherot and Leconite, of St Ledger, France, for a display of brillianty coloured hybrids, The following exhibitors of or-chid photographs, paintings and drawings won gold medals: Johan Hermans of Enfield, north London iphotographs of the genus Dracula); Camilla Speight, of Camberwell, south London (pen and ink drawings of anguloas and lycastes): and Ann Swann, of Teddington, west London (water-

Leonard, Chief Constable, Humberside, SE; Mr Michael Montague, former chairman, Engllsh Tourist Board, 65; Sir Graeme Odgers, chairman. Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 63: Sir Michael Straker, former chairman, Northumbrian Water, 69: Captain Michael Torrens-Spence, former Lord-Lieutenant of Ar-

magh, 83; Mr Peter Wormald.

land and Wales, 61.

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former Registrar-General for Eng-

Crufts results

The following are the weekend results from Crufts at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham: Day three

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Mrs M Justice, Bontineford, Herts.
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Streumhawk Mrs P Streek. Hythe, Kent.
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High Expectations; Mr P Hensely,
Carnforth, Lanes.
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Service dinners The Royal Welch Fusiliers

The Dining Club of the 6th/7th Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers (TA) held the annual dinner on Saturday at Maes Mawr Hall Hotel, Caersws. Essex Army Cadet Force

Colonel C.A.F. Thomas, Cadet Commandant, and the Officers of The Essex Army Cadet Force dined on Saturday at the County Training Centre, Colchester.

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BIRTHS

nowennam - On oth March at Dorchester to Sarah (nee Burn) and Jason a son Jonethan Newell.

GROES - On February 26th to Kate (nee Alexander) and Ame, a son Alexander Ame.

USHER - On March 3rd 1997, to Joanne (née McCausland) and William, a daughter, Annabel, a sister for Sophie.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

MGBV:MOSSCHOP - Stream and Pauline 10th March 1972, 25 years of blical Now at Belfry, 574 50%.

DEATHS

BARNES - Jean O.B.E. on 7th March 1997 in her 82nd year, beloved wife of the lave Sidney, Sometime Director of Nursing at King's College Hospital is London and previously Matron at the Manchester Royal Indignary,
She was much loved by her
stepchildren, the late Alen
and his wife Ingrid, Julie and
Joy, and her brother Derek
and sister june; and by all
the members of their
tentilies, regards common. Please no flowers but if desired donations to The Retired Nurses National

BRADMAN - E. Anthony. On 6th March, peacefully at home in Crail, as he would have wished. Much loved by wife Sue and daughter Jeanne, belowed son of Joan and Freddie. A man of Integrity and strength and a good friend. He never gave up the fight for what he could change, accepted what only the tight for what he could change, accepted what he could not and had the wisdom to know the difference. Services on Thursday 13th March at 1230pm at Craft Kirk and 2pm at Kirkcaldy Communitum. All friends are reported by hybrid to gither nay be made at the Chun Crematorium towards

BRITTOM - Douglas Thomas Martin on 4th March aged 78 years. Beloved of Elizabeth, Valerie and Christopher. Funeral Mass Thursday, 13th March 11.00 am St Mark's Regents Park Family Gowers only, but if desired donation may be made to favoured charity, c/o Elizabeth Britton, 112a Cambon Steet, Londón, NWI OHY.

CARR - On 5th March 1997, after a short illness, John David Firbank, formerly of Faling, Beloved husband of the late Jenny, loving Jather of Amanda, David and Bill, failure below of Kichard and biother of Michael Purceral Service at Southampton Crematorium on Friday 14th Service at Soutcampton Crematorium on Friday 14th Morch at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to either Osler Ward, Badcliffe Infirmary or imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o [no. Steel & Son.

on Friday 28th February 1997, Gestrude Gebrielle (Gaby), aged 86, sister of Rosensay, sunt, great-sunt and friend to so maby. Funeral at 12 nooh on Tusaday 18th March 1997 at 8t Feter's, Fetersham, Hichmand Sunty, followed by private cremation. Flowers, enquiries and donations if desired to RNLL or The Clark Trust Pund for Adds Research in South Africa cfo FW. Paine, 31 Church Street, Twickenham, Middlesen TWI SNR, tak (O181) 892-1754.

after a long filness Noel aged 90 years, beloved father of Gilliam, Anne, John and Tom and a much loved mandalles. Puteral Savies to be held at \$5 Michael's Church, Sittlagbourne, on Wednesday 26th Blanch at 2.30pm followed by cremation at Vinters Park Crematorium. Maidstone.

Faultes of Rotherfield, East Sussex and formerly of the RRI. Knal Lumpur, RRC. S.Thailand and the World Bank, Washington D.C. in his 70th year, pencefully at home on March 5th 1997 after an illness borne with great dignity and courage. Beloved husband of Ceclly Ann, dearly loved father of Charlotte, Michael, Peter, Margaret, Robin and Fiona, loving father-in-law of Yeonase and grandfather of Chevalents.

KENNEDY - On 6th March

REMINELY - ON 6th Marca peacefully at Treliske Hospital, Truro, Horas Tristram Konnedy OBE of Borea Farm, Naucledra. Funeni Service at Zennor on Wednesday 12th March at 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

MOSS - Gartrade Gabrielle, niece of the late Glyn Warren Philipot, R.A. At home, on Friday 28th February 1907 Cantrada Gabrielle

Crematorium, Maidstone donations if desired to the Macmillan Nurses Fund c/o R. High & Som, 1 Baylord

loving father-in-law of Yvouse and grandfather of Robert and Laure. Requiem Mass at \$1 Thomas of Canierbury Catholic Church, Mayfield, East Susser on March 12th at \$11 am followed by the burial. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Hospice in the Weald, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3QU.

1997, after a long illness bravely borne, Margie, of Painswick, Gloucesterphire, Painswick, Gloucestershire, wife of the late Harry Hamilton and much lowed mother of joff and Tim. The Funeral Service will take place at 11.30 am on Fiday March 14th at St Marry's Church, Painswick, Family Rovers only by request, but donations in her memory may be made to the Painswick Surgery Special Equipment Fund, c/o The Surgery, Hoyland House, Painswick.

peacefully Authory Hutchisson, brother of the law Faith Funeal Service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Thursday March 13th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations in lieu if desired to the Mortonhampstead Church clo E. Hansford & Son, The Souare. Whimple, Exeter.

HOPKENS - On March 6th 1997
Dr. Anthony Hopkins M.D.,
FF.P.H.M., FAC.P., FEC.P.,
aged 59. Dearly loved
husband of Elizabeth and
father of Felix, Nicholas and
Edward, Funeral private.
Memorial Service to be
announced at a later date.

Set March 15th liest seats or Standing Tkts or full hospitality packages available 0171 378 9090

WYSOCK-GRUMDALL
Margare Class (as Laboll)
on February 21st aged 81.
Beloved wife of John and
mother of Jennifer Sally and
David. A private cremation
took place on March 3rd.
Donations may be sent to
The British Retinitis
Pigmentos Society (EEPS),
P.O. Box 350, Buckingham
MK18 5EL.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SCOTT - Meureen Patricia.
Retired chief officer of
Health Visitor Training and
Administration, Northern
Ireland, late of Chesterton,
Cambridge, sister to Brian
and mother of Shaun, died
suddenly in Cambridge on
Monday March 3rd 1997,
aged 70 years, Funeral to be
at Cambridge City
Crematorium at 12:30 pm on
Thursday March 13th.
Family flowers only, but
donations to the Chest,
Heart and Stroke
Association of 21 Dublin
Road, Belfast, Northern
Ireland.

peacefully on Thursda: March 6th 1997, Gelda ager 86, wife of the late Squadros Leader Algernon (Toby Staden D.S.O., and previous wife of Squadron Leader the Hon. Greville (Jock) Baird killed in action 1943.

Beloved mother of Ceanan Rinalda and Angus. Funeral St Stephen's Church, Baughurst, Hampshire, 2 pm Baughursi, Hampshire, 2 pm Friday March 14th. No flowers please, domations to the RAF. Benevolent Fund c/o Abbey View Funeral Home, Basingstoke, tel: (01256) 851231.

IAIT - John Sinclair known to all as Ian. He died peacefully on March 5th 1997 aged 87 years. A devoted kind and much loved husband of Edith and father of Stuart and John His gentle humour will be so missed by his grandchildren Laure, william Iain, Imma Gavin and Andrew. Service and cremation at 12 noon on Wednesday March 191h 1997 in the Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear 1997 in the Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear Road, Ruislip, Middleser. All those whose lives he touched are welcome to lan's service and to join the family afterwards at the Winston Churchfill Hall, Pinn Way, Buislip, Middleser. Family flowers only, but do send donations to Cancer Research Campaign do H.C. Strimsted Ltd. Churchfield Lodge, Churchfield Road. Chalfont St Peter, Bucks.

WARNER - Juliet Sian on 5th March 1997. Funeral at St

TICKETS FOR SALE FIVE NATIONS RUGBY '97 Cecil and aum or john and Millian. Francel service and committed at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapal on Friday March 14th at 3pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired made payable to NSFCC may be sent to Cambridge Funeral Services, 617 Newmarkst.

Newmarket Road, Cambridge, 01223 415 255 AMLSON - On Wedneydry Stn March, peacefully at home, fernwich Swampton, and 50. Beloved widower of Gill, father of Julia and heother of Elizabeth and Switz. Fuzeral Sarvice at Danbury Parish Church on Thunsday March 13th at 11.45 am followed he websate are matche. Family MILSON - On Wednesday 5th by private cremation. Family flowers only please Domations II desired to The Domitions if desired to The Limbless Association o/o Bakers Funeral Service, Even Corner, Danbury, Chalmastord CAS 4QB. Tal: (01246) 225876.

March 7th, aged 82, at home.
Most dearly loved and loving
husband of Bernadette,
father of Dick, Jene and
juitet. Funeral at St
Andrew's Church,
Wiveliscombe on Monday
March 17th at 2pm. Family
flowers only. Donations to St
Margaret's Hospice. Taunton
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ROYDS - Peter John died peacefully in hospital on March 7th.

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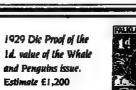
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OBITUARIES

BRIGADIER ANTHONY HARPER

Brigadier Anthony Harper, CBE, former British military attaché in Moscow, died on February 21 aged 80. He was born on July 17, 1916.

ony Harper was on the front pages of newspapers through-out the world 30 years ago when, while serving as Britain's military attaché in Moscow, he was drugged and beaten up by the KGB. It happened in November 1967 during a visit by Harper and his American counterpart Colonel William Spahr to a wine-making plant near Kishinev. Moldavia. In the company of their guide from Intourist, they sampled a selection of the plant's products before returning to their hotel. There both men were taken violently ill.

While they were incapacitated six "heavies" from the Soviet secret police burst in. They forcibly held down the two men, strip-searched them and seized their notebooks and several rolls

The incident provoked strong protests from Washington and the Foreign Office which described it as a "serious breach of diplomatic immunity". Nor did the Russians help matters by responding with a counter-claim. They accused the two Westerners of being drunk and disorderly, insisting the Intourist officials had helped them to their room where they had made such a disturbance that the hotel manager had had to call the police. Torn curtains and a glass ashtray -smashed when the KGB had broken in - were produced by the Soviet authorities to support their case. They said that the damage had been caused by Spahr

But subsequent medical examinations produced evidence that the diplomats had been served with tampered drinks - "Mickey Finns", once a stock in trade of thriller writers. The Russians, it emerged, had been searching for evidence of dealings with Soviet

But their masters in Washington and Whitehall cleared the two men of acting in any way improperly and, perhaps significantly, the Russians allowed them to complete their tours of duty, without declaring either of them persona non grata. The KGB, it was assumed, had blundered.

Harper, who took some time to recover from the drugs he had unwittingly imbibed, was perhaps sustained



throughout the crisis by the military antecedents in his family.

Born in London, Charles Anthony des Nocttes Harper was the son of a general practitioner who had served as an army doctor in the First World War, and the great-great grandson of General Lefebvre des Noettes, one of Napoleon's field commanders at Waterloo and related to the Emperor by marriage. Captured by Wellington's men, he was transported across the Channel and detained in Britain as a prisoner of

Harper went to St Edward's School Oxford, and thence to the Royal Veterinary College. But his studies were interrupted by the outbreak of

campaign in North West Europe, as a gunnery staff officer with 12 Corps. Then, after the war, he took the decision to sign on.

Much of Harper's subsequent career was to be spent as a staff officer, with several tours of duty in the Far East. These included one as controller of the household to Britain's Commissioner-General for South-East Asia, Malcolm MacDonald, between 1951 and 1953. He became a great admirer of Mac-Donald, the son of the first Labour Prime Minister, and the two men remained friends until MacDonald's

He was military attaché in Moscow, 1966-68, once hosting a tea party for the Foreign Secretary, George Brown. On his return he was posted to Antwerp, where he oversaw the merger of the three advance bases for the Royal Navy, Army and RAF into one jointservices unit. He was appointed CBE in 1969 and retired in 1971.

But Harper's experience in Moscow was to help to provide him with a second career, initially as security adviser to the Central Treaty Organisation in Ankara between 1971 and 1974. On his return he was appointed an instructor at the School of Service Intelligence in Ashford, Kent. He spent the next eight years there, training future military attaches from other countries as well as Britain, for tours of duty in Iron Curtain countries.

Finally retiring in 1982, he was elected as a Conservative member of Ashford Borough Council, becoming leader of the council for five years in 1985. He was also chairman of the Kent Association of District Councils, 1988-

A friendly, courteous man, he was a popular and familiar figure in his village, at one time travelling round his ward by bicycle. He also remained a friend of Colonel Spahr - his Ameri-

can fellow-victim. He met his wife Mary after the war while he was serving as a gunnery instructor at the Indian School of Artillery at Deolali. A South African who had served as a pilot in Britain during the war, she was staying with friends on the sub-continent following the death of her father. They married in India in 1947, being borne to the

reception on a gun carriage.
Harper, who died suddenly following a heart attack at home, is survived by his wife, herself in a nursing home, and by their daughter.

SIR DENIS RICKETT

Sir Denis Rickett, Second Secretary at the Treasury. 1960-68. died on February 26 aged 89. He was born on July 27, 1907.

DENIS RICKETT was a leading expert on international finance at the governmental level. He had a distinguished career in the Treasury, where for a number of years he was head of the division dealing with overseas finance. After retiring from Great George Street, he became vice-president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank) in Washington.

Denis Hubert Fletcher Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford. Graduating in 1929 with first-class honours in both Mods and Greats, he was elected a prize Fellow of All Souls and retained his

For a time he seemed to lean towards the academic life but he developed a strong practical interest in economic questions. In 1931 he joined the staff of the Economic Advisory Council, which had just been established by Neville Chamberlain, then Chancellor of the

The Economic Advisory Council did not prove a very active body, and Rickett still kept one foot in the academic world, but it gave him useful experience in the corridors of Whitehall. As a result, he was invited to join the staff of the War Cabinet offices in 1939, and worked there until 1943. when he became principal private secretary to Oliver Lyttelton, Churchill's Minister of Production.

al assistant to Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the coalition Government, for special work on nuclear energy. Then, in staff of the Treasury. After ful working partnership with three years' work there, mainly on overseas financial affairs, he spent a year in No 10 at the Bank of England. as principal private secretary to the Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, but on the change of Government, and as a result of Churchill's desire to have his old private secretary John Colville back, Rickett went to Washington as Economic Minister and head of the Brinsh Treasury and Supply Mission. Returning to London after three years in 1955, he began a long term in the

Rickett was educated at fellowship for 20 years.

Exchequer.

After nearly two years in that office, he became person-1947, he joined the regular

Treasury's Overseas Finance Division, first as second-in-command to Sir Leslie Rowan

and then as head of the

division. Overseas financial lems were very much to his taste. During and after the Second World War the Treasury had become much involved in the techniques and procedures of overseas finance exchange control, the organisation of the sterling area, the management of sterling. control of overseas lending and capital movements, the amount and form of aid to India and other Commonwealth countries and much else besides. The technicalities came easily to Rickett's keen and precise intellect, and he Sir George Bolton, the director in charge of overseas finance

In view of his Treasury experience, and also his earlier years in Washington, it was hardly surprising, when he retired from the Civil Service in 1968, that he was invited to join the World Bank as a vicepresident. He had already had much knowledge of financing developing countries, which was the bank's primary function, and he had formed many personal contacts in finance and economic industries all over the world. He remained with the bank until 1974.

Returning to London, he joined J. Henry, Schroder Wagg, the merchant bankers, as a special adviser and a director of Schroder International. He also joined the board of De la Rue, who among other things are probably the biggest printers of banknotes for overseas countries in the world. He was appointed CMG in 1947, CB in 1951 and KCMG in 1956.

Rickett,, especially in his earlier years, tended to strike a rather intimidating note with those with whom he came into official contact — and not only with the representatives of countries that wanted to borrow money. (He himself was personally wealthy, even running his own Rolls-Royce.) In his Treasury role he earned a reputation with successive Chancellors for being hard and tough, if also in disposition a shade dry.

At the same time, he could be excellent company when he wished. His overriding private interest was music, which he loved and of which he had a deep and comprehensive knowledge. He was an extremely proficient amateur

He is survived by his wife Ruth, a doctor whom he married in 1946, and by two sons and a daughter.

CHRISTOPHER HOHLER

Christopher Hohler, art historian, died in Oslo_ on February 15 aged 80. He was born on January

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A MEMBER of the select group of scholars who shaped the Courtauld Institute in postwar years, Christopher Hohler was a figure of some importance in the art historical world. Yet outside the immediate circle of his colleagues and pupils, few would have realised this. Hohier nurtured no ambition to write, or to achieve recognition as an authority on any one subject though he was an authority on

He did not measure success in terms of appointments or publications. Rather his passion for the past, combined with a genial distaste for all things modern, made him an eccentric, if demanding, teacher. Those who studied under him were richly rewarded. For all his scholarly devotion. Hohler exuded vitality and a zest for life.

Edward Christopher Hohler was born into a family of some wealth and privilege. His boyhood at Long Crendon combined a serious interest in learning with the pursuit of country pastimes such as hunting - his mother considered him one of the most impetuous and irresponsible horsemen she had ever known. His career at Eton was followed by a degree in Modern History at New College, Oxford, from which he graduated in 1938. A year later he married his first wife, Jane. Joining the Royal Corps of Signals during the Second World War, Hohler was posted to the Combined Intelligence Centre in Iraq. He gence Centre in many the rapidly came to love the Middle East. Quite apart from

the history, the politics and the intrigue, there was ample opportunity for riding good horses and, next best, motorbikes. He began to learn the diplomatic service after the

However, in 1947, in what . must have seemed to almost everyone a most unexpected move, he joined the teaching staff of the Courtauld Institute of Art, then newly under the directorship of Anthony Blunt. Until then his direct involvement in art and architecture had been limited to amateur excavation at Notley Priory. and the researches which resulted in his first publication - on Buckinghamshire medieval tile pavements. Neither can have been regarded as in the mainstream of art history. and his introduction to the Courtauld seems to have owed everything to the good offices of Blunt's predecessor, T. S. R. Boase, who taught Hohler at Oxford. In many respects, the rela-

tionship between Hohler and the institute remained anomalous. He refused to put art in the foreground of his thinking or his teaching. The broader behaviour of people and their cultural and historical circumstances were always his principal field of investigation. Art contributed to our understanding, but it was only a small part of a much larger picture. This was long before the New Art History made study of the social and political context of art fashionable. And yet to those for whom Hohler's approach was already congenial, or those who were able to adapt, he was an outstanding mentor who taught by

This is one of the reasons that his influence has been out of all proportion to the num-



Commissioned into the Royal Artil-

lery in 1940, he spent the next four

years in this country, initially with a

mountain battery in Scotland, training

with horses and mules for operations

in Norway and Iceland. Harper won a

C-in-C Home Forces Certificate for

gallantry and good conduct in 1943

when he dived into the flooded River

Spey to rescue a groom who had fallen

in and been swept away during an

He also alarmed his colleagues while

on location in Iceland when he drove a

tent-peg into a glacier crevice. There

followed a discernible tremor and a

loud roar as the ice around them-

moved a fraction of an inch. Harper served in the latter stages of the

Christopher Hohler in Genghis Khan mode, at a medievalists' fancy dress party in the 1960s

Church news

ber of his publications. He instilled a rigour and intellecwhich he also demanded of himself, and this did not cease with their graduation, nor upon his retirement in 1979 Oslo to be with his second wife

and subsequent removal to Erla (his first marriage having been dissolved in 1961) and their children. Hohler remained to the end of his life a welcoming host

The recipients of his letters included not just former students but a wide range of scholars. He could be brutal in his criticisms but he could also he endlessly helpful, devoting

Because of his perfectionism, he brought few of his own projects to fruition. In terms of research assessment exercise" he was a disaster. Long dear to his heart was a study of St Gilles du Gard, the

southern French pilgrimage church, for instance. Even more enduring was his commitment to medieval liturgy on which he produced several

But it was largely for his invisible contribution that he remained important. Many projects. for example editions texts for the Henry Bradshaw Society of which he was a vice-president, were undertaken at his suggestion and with his help. He spent years of his life collating manuscripts and made copi ous notes in his neat, minute handwriting. It was a reference archive he resorted to regularly and which he would lend out to those he trusted. At times he was prone to the

scholar's social vagueness. His occasional failure to remember longstanding stu-dents, colleagues and friends by name or face gave the impression that he inhabited another planet. He preferred rising late and working well into the small hours. Persistent rumours that he was the model for Paul Greenfield in Iris Murdoch's The Bell were denied with a deadpan "who is Iris Murdoch?" But any apparent remoteness was compensated for by generosity. He would give people books which he felt they ought to own, or invite students to dine with him at his club, Brooks's. He could be charming, witty and convivial: a medievalists' fancy dress party which he and his second wife. Erla. gave in the mid-1960s is fondly remembered by all who attended it. His reputed last words were: "I think it's about

time for a whisky" He is survived by the two daughters and two sons of his first marriage, and by his second wife and their two sons and a daughter.

PROFESSOR DONALD HEATH

formed a cordial and success-

Professor Donald Heath, pathologist, died on February 10 aged 68. He was born on May 4, 1928.

ONE of the last of the line of great classical pathologists, Donald Heath is associated with pulmonary circulation, life's work. His monograph The Human Pulmonary Circulation, written with Peter Harris, was the authoritative

text for a quarter of a century. Qualifying in medicine at Sheffield University in 1952, Donald Albert Heath joined a cardiovascular centre directed by James Brown. They were to revolutionise understanding of congenital heart diseases.

By 1956 Heath and his colleague, William Whitaker, had become aware that pathological changes in the pulmonary circulation occurred in many cases of congenital heart disease, causing pulmonary hypertension and dominating the clinical source of the disease. They submitted a paper on "hypertensive pulmonary vascular disease" which, rejected by a British clinical journal, was pub-

lished in an American one. Soon after, Heath was awarded a Rockefeller Travelling Fellowship to continue his research at the Mayo Clinic. There, in the space of a year, he elucidated the sequence of events which comprise the pathology of hypertensive pulmonary vascular disease, Until that moment the pathology of the pulmonary circulation was virtually unknown. Heath showed not just the descriptive results of the disease but how it all came about,

He next joined the Department of Pathology at Birmingham University. Perhaps the most common and devastating disease in the Midlands at that time was chronic bronchitis, and he began to study the pulmonary circulation in this condition. mountaineer"; and yet his suaded to have a telephone.

This was to result once more in a definitive description of the pathology, summarised in the monograph Cor Pulmona-ie in Emphysema.

It was not certain to what extent the disability of patients with chronic bronchitis was due to a lack of oxygen, and it to investigate people without pulmonary disease who lived at high altitude where there was a permanent shortage of oxygen. This led to an interest in high altitude medicine which Heath pursued, togeth-er with Peter Harris and

David Williams, for the rest of

his life, and which was gath-

graph Man at High Altitude. A particular interest at high altitude was the carotid body, a minute organ in the neck designed to sense the arterial blood for oxygen. Heath made a detailed study of the organ at both high and low altitude in man and animals and, in 1992, wrote Diseases of the Human Carotid Body.

Colleagues remember him. in particular, in the Andes or the Himalayas alongside the llamas or yaks which his studies had shown were ge-netically adapted to high altitude. His unusually large girth was not, as he once put it, "intended by nature for a

good humour under conditions of hardship, low oxygen and cold were remarkable. In such remote places he was a striking figure, dressed always uncompromisingly in a threadbare suit, collar and tie In the early 1960s he became

interested in the effects of a

group of alkaloids derived

resilience and energy and

from plants of the genus Crotalaria. He showed that feeding rats with the seeds of Crotalaria Spectabilis, used as a cover crop in the Southern states of the US, caused severe and fatal culmonary hypertension. Several other members of the genus had the same effect, including the common English ragwort, extracts of which he was delighted to find on sale at the local health shop accompanied by literature entitled "how to live 100 years". He and Michael Kay reviewed this great volume of mericulously documented work in Crotalaria Speciabilis, the Pulmonary Hypertension Plant in 1969. What had started as a purely academic exercise became important in 1967 when an epidemic of pulmonary hypertension, attributed to a weight-reducing pill, occurred in Europe.

The University of Liverpool appointed him to the Chair of Pathology in 1968. He took up his duties on April I, a point which he did not allow to go unobserved. He held the chair until his retirement.

Latterly he was afflicted with increasing blindness and cardiac failure. Characteristically he derived a great deal of amusement out of his hospital experiences and refused to allow these disabilities to prevent his continuing to lecture to slides which he could no longer see. Unmarried and with no children, he lived alone, darned his own socks and was only recently per-

Nature notes

GOLDFINCHES are beginning to sing the silvery twittering that they make all the year round turns in March into a sweeter, more elaborate performance. Many more blackbirds have begun singing, especially at dawn and in the dusk they like to perch on garden walls and TV

Lapwings have returned to the fields where they will nest. and the males are swooping and diving over their territoties, making the wild, insistent call that gives them their other name of "peewit".

There are still small flocks of waxwings from Scandinavia in various parts of hawthorn hedges: when a cluster of them first emerges from a bud it looks like a tiny, green shuttlecock Leaves are also gening on the thorny stems of



the wild rose bushes, where blackened hips from last year

may still hang.
Peacock and small tortoiseshell butterflies are coming out of the shadows in which they hung during the winter. Frogs are mating in the ponds: the females deposit their numerous eggs on the bottom, where they absorb water and rise to the surface in jelly-like

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and a tireless correspondent.

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Anniversaries

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DEATHS: Muzin Clementi. pianist and composer. Evesham, 1832. Taras Shevchenko, poet. Ukraine, 1861: Giuseppe Mazzini. Italian patriot. Pisa 1872: Konstantin Chemenko General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party 1984-85, Minsony, 1985

> odu assist or are game, set up Mery Priest for the winner.

TERRIBLE DISASTER AT SEA The Navarre, owned by Messrs, James Currie and Co., of Leith, has been lost on a voyage from Copenhagen to that port, and between 60 and 70 lives have been lost. Official intimation of the fact was received yesterday morning by the owners, and the news of the catastrophe is corroborated from several different sources. The ship was under command of Captain William Haig. The smack Sir Stafford Northeote, which arrived at Hull yesterday, brought live persons rescued from the Navarre, which, it appears, called at Christiansand on the way, and left that place on Sunday night, with 81 passengers, 50 of whom were emigrants, on board. The crew of the smack managed to pick up Miss Alexandra Lotz, a native of Christiansand; William Sinclair, a Scoich seaman; J. Anderson, a Norwegian farmer, F.J. Nygroan, a Swedish smith, and Miss M. Mannall, New York, who was in charge of a number of emigrants. Miss Lotz had a remarkably narrow escape. It appears that she was to windward of the mack after the Navarre went down, and for some time all efforts to throw her a line proved ineffectual. At length, however, she managed to clutch the end of the line, and was able to hold on to it until drawn alongside the smack. Nearly the whole of her clothing had been

ON THIS DAY

March 10, 1883

In valiant efforts to save lives, the smack Sir Stafford Northcote was often in danger of being overwhelmed by the heavy seas.

washed away by the fury of the waves, and she was supplied with what dry apparel as could be found on board a smack. She then was taken to the house of Mr. Pickering, the owner of the smack, and one of her relatives has been telegraphed for. It is stated that long before the Sir Stafford Northcote arrived on the scene there had been a Dutch smack hovering about. but that she made no strenuous efforts to save life except by trying to pick up those who were swimming towards her. One of the passengers lost was Mr. Froggart, a corn merchant. Of the 15 women on board, Miss Lotz was the only one saved, and it was stated to the fishermen by one of the survivors that there were only five cork jackets on board the steamer. The

He is a native of Sweden, and, with his wife and two children, was emigrating to Minnesota. The man, his wife and children were left floating when the vessel went down. The elder boy, four years old, first disappeared. The mother frantically embraced the younger child, a baby eight months old, so long as she was conscious; but owing to exposure and the fierceness of the waves she became insensible and sank, leaving the child still on the surface of the ocean. The infant passed close to the side of the smack, and one of the crew took it on board in the hope of being able to restore it. Efforts were made with this object, but they failed. The father was the first to recognize the dead child when he had partially recovered from his exhaustion. Another smack named the Florence and Louise has arrived at Hull with one man from the wreck, who had been saved in a strange manner. It seems that the Florence and Louise, coming up to the sinking ship about the same time as the other smack, saw one of the emigrants floating. He was to the windward of the smack, and some time elapsed before a rope could be thrown to him. His hands were so benumbed that he could not hold the line but he managed to seize it with his teeth and was rescued in an exhausted

case of the survivor Nygroan is a very sad one.

TYLISTINGS

LEAP INTO THE FLT

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on the early years of education;

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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Joyriders face harsh jail terms

■ Joyriders and other reckless motorists who kill or maim through dangerous driving will face dramatically increased maximum prison terms under a tough new package of measures to be announced by Michael Howard.

Under the Home Secretary's proposals, joyriders who cause fatal accidents would face up to ten years in jail Page 1

£50,000 for church anti-abortion fund

A proposal by the Catholic Church of Scotland to offer financial help to any pregnant women considering abortion has led to donations of more than £50,000. In launching the appeal, Cardinal Thomas Winning called on anyone facing an unwanted pregnancy "from any ethnic background, of any faith or none, from anywhere, to come to the Archdiocese of Glasgow for assistance".....

Bitter parting

Defecting MP Sir George Gardlner has told John Major that the Tories were heading for severe defeat - six days before the Prime Minister launches the general election campaign Page 1

Cook's theory

Robin Cook angered Tory ministers after he linked speeches by Michael Portillo and John Redwood to racist remarks made by Tory MP David Evans Page 2 Guide to Brussels

A survival guide for future Labour Ministers to cope with Brus-

sels life has been prepared by party officals ...

Spirited sermon

England's first black woman team vicar, the Rev Eve Pitts, preached on with spirit and determination yesterday, despite her diocesan bishop asking her to .Page 7 resign ...

Ashdown defiant

Paddy Ashdown defended the Liberal Democrats' deal with Labour on constitutional reform against claims from some activists that it could cost his party ...Page 7

Left tunes

Christopher Seed, a left-handed pianist, is seeking a sponsor to build a keyboard to allow a lefthanded pianist's stronger hand to play melodies scored for the right ... Pages 5, 21

Battle over Scotland

In the upcoming elections, the sharpest fighting between the Tories and the main Opposition will be in Scotland. The Times election ... Page 6

Fight over green

The hamlet of Sunningwell is taking the Diocese of Oxford to court over its decision to sell off glebe land that has become a village green by default. The test case could sort out once and for all what constitutes a village ...Page 8

White fury

The South African Government has been shocked by the fury of white farmers over a Bill making it very difficult for them to evict black workers living on their

Tirana shaken

The largest military base in southern Albania fell into rebel hands, dealing a serious blow to the Government Page 11

China's cash ploy

The FBI warned six members of Congress last summer that China wanted to funnel illegal campaign contributions to them so as to influence policy Page 12

Diplomat expelled

Germany has expelled an American diplomat for trying to obtain high-tech economic secrets, in the first such spy case since the Second World War Page 13

Swift rushes to defend his style

■ A suggestion that Graham Swift, last year's Booker Prize winner, had borrowed the storyline of his novel Last Orders from William Faulkner's classic As I Lay Dying, was refuted by the author. Swift says in The Times today: "My novel can, understandably, be compared to Faulkner's but does not stand comparison to it. It's a different book"......Pages 1, 3



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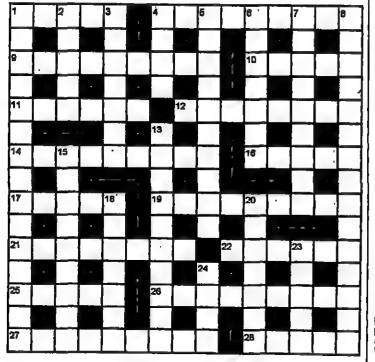
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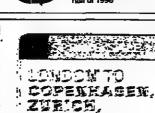
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Scotland and Northern Ireland should start out dry, with patchy early mist or tog in places. Most places will have bright or sunny spells but the far northwest will be cloudier with rain or drizzle later. Most parts will be mild with light to moderate winds, the North West a little cooler and windler.

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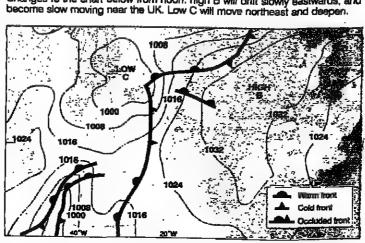
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CELEBRATIONS ALL ROUND FOR FINAL FOUR IN FA CUP



Wimbledon: Robbie Earle celebrates his team's opening goal in their 2-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough

Chelsea: Mark Hughes feels the weight of Frank Sinclair's appreciation after scoring the first goal against Portsmouth

Fortunes of draw open the door to first-time finalists

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE FA Cup, by far the oldest competition in football, has ways of conjuring up fresh romance. Yesterday, after seven hours of quarter-final competition drawn out from the morning till night, the draw for the semi-finals took a few seconds at Lancaster Gate to produce this pairing: Wimbledon v Chelsea; Middlesbrough v Chesterfield.

The games, to be played on Sunday, April 13, at venues that will be decided today, pit Wimbledon's home-grown fighters against Chelsea's imported cavaliers. The other match is bound to bring a virgin team to Wembley Stadium in May, because neither Middlesbrough nor, of course, Chesterfield, have reached the FA Cup Final before.

Indeed, what a semi-final it

promises to be for Chris Beaumont. A new name to you? He is 31 and has the reputation of a utility player, having served Rochdale and Stockport County before Chesterfield at right back, midfield, winger, and centre forward.

It was Beaumont's goal against Wrexham that put the club from the town with the crooked spire into the hat with Middlesbrough. Beaumont, unheralded thus far in his profession, will now take the field against Juninho and Emerson, Brazilians both, and the ever hungry Fabrizio

QUARTER-FINAL RESOLTS

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MIDDLESBROUGH 2

Juninho (36), Ravanelli (30)

Attendance 17,567

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Attendance 8,735

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Ravanelli, the Italian who won a European Cup winner's medal last May. Beaumont said afterwards

Beaumont said afterwards that John Duncan, his manager, had not congratulated his team, reminding them instead that they would be training as usual this morning, because Chesterfield have a second division match tomorrow.

Wimbledon got the breaks against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough yesterday evening, breaks through injuries to opponents and breaks through typically opportunist goals from Robbie Earle and Dean Holdsworth.

Their manager, Joe

Kinnear, admitted: "All the semi-final teams would have liked to have drawn Chester-field, but if we play as well as we did when we won at Chelsea in the Premiership, then we have half a chance." Half? He foxes, for he knows that Chelsea, imperious though they were in destroying Portsmouth 4-l yesterday, have not always sustained their concentration for 90 minutes.

At Fratton Park, they did that to supreme effect, and Ruud Gullit enthused that this type of application and quality made a coach very proud. With Juninho and company showing in one semi-final that the best of foreign talent can create movement beyond English imagination, and with Zola et al repeating the act for Chelsea, it is obvious that, wherever they are born, players aspire to Wembley and the Cup of Cups.

But first, in the Wimbledon-Cheisea semi-final, we will witness Kinnear's brand of home-grown, spirited team ethic pitted against Cheisea's collection of international stars. Artisens versus aristocrats, with Sam Hammam and Ken Bates in the stand.

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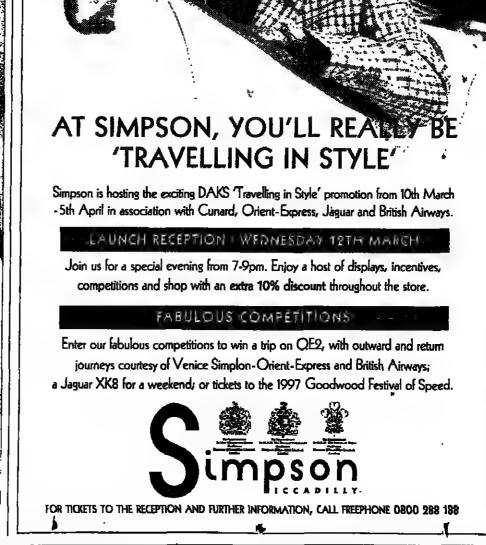


Laird scored twice

Middlesbrough: Fabrizio Ravanelli leads his scoring partner
Juminho in a victory dance at the Baseball Ground

Chesterfield: Chris Beaumont, scorer of the only goal in the allsecond division tie at Saltergate, proves a roaring success

Mery Priest for the winner.



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Hill's Arrows launch is off and so is Walker

Right, hands up anyone who can hum the theme tune to ITV's new coverage of Formula One? Nope, me neither. Sandwiched between "bumpers" from Texaco, which is sponsoring the coverage, the re-placement for Fleetwood Mac's The Chain turned out to be just a few bars of anonymous, macho motor racing music. Vroom, vroom.

"Do not adjust your set," Jim Rosenthal said, as the faithful gathered for qualifying in the early hours of Saturday morning. "This." he announced portentously, "is Formula One on ITV." We were off ... which is more than could be said for Damon Hill some 25 hours later.

"That's a bitter blow for the man who won last year's world championship," Mur-ray Walker shouted, sensibly

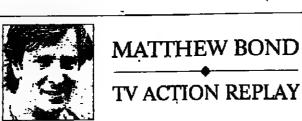
avoiding the sort of funeral dirge that similar drama has brought out in him in the past. Sensible, because Hill's poor qualifying and eventual nonappearance on the starting grid was a hammer blow for ITV. The bosses who spent so many millions of pounds acquiring the rights to Formula One know full well that when Hill parked his Arrows car.

trol and gone to bed. Which was a shame, because the race - after a sleep-inducing second quarter was excellent and ITV's coverage distinctly promising. It wasn't quite a new era, but capitalised impressively on the additional manpower (and, of course, womanpower) [TV took to Melbourne.

tens of thousands of us will

have parked the remote con-

Most of what was wrong with the coverage of the race



itself was nothing to do with ITV at all. The computerised statistics went walkabout. In the early parts of the race we had no lap times, split times or a clock on the pit stops. As Walker explained: "What you haven't got, you cannot give." What they did have, how-

ever, was advertisement breaks and they, as expected, got progressively more maddening as the race continued. With hindsight, we appeared to miss nothing significant at all, which the ITV team knows full well is more to do with

luck than judgment. At the fourth break just seven seconds senarated Coulthard. Schumacher and Frentzen, By the fifth, some nine laps from the chequered flag, the gap was down to 3.5 seconds. The race was at its peak, but that multimillion pound outlay still

way that ITV knows how. Walker, who, after the initial confusion of the opening laps recovered well, is still getting used to the new commercial environment. "Do not leave the room," he command-

had to be recouped in the only

ed, belatedly waking up to the fact that a British driver was about to win the Australian Grand Prix. "Never mind about the tea." Seemed a bit rich from a broadcaster that kept breaking off to sell us cars, car insurance and, on Saturday morning at least, the

services of a gay chatline.
Alongside him. Martin
Brundle made an excellent start, despite an occasional tendency to sound just like Jeremy Hardy, the comedian. He was relaxed, wore his expertise lightly and best of all

... he's a really bitter man and more than up for using his commentary position to settle a few recent scores. Top of his personal hate list is Ralf Schumacher, the driver who took over from him at Jordan). closely followed by Heinz-Harald Frentzen.

As Clive James said in the

surprisingly enjoyable cur-tain-raiser. The Clive James Formula One Show, it is the well-paid destiny this season of Frentzen — the man in Damon Hill's Williams seat to be demon king, at least for British racing lans.

All weekend Brundle had been generally suggesting that Frentzen wasn't quite up to the job, culminating in the glee ("he's lost it, he's lost it) that greeted the German's driver's eventual departure from the

Glee that Walker - for all his experience — was foolishly dragged into.

Both men were quick to apologise (Walker "grovelling-ly and unreservedly") once the replay revealed Frentzen's in-riocence... but by then the damage was done. Hill's reign may be over, but there's no need for a witch-hunt.

Krajicek clinches Rotterdam title

RICHARD KRAJICEK achieved his first success of the year when he beat Daniel Vacek, the unseeded Czech, 7-6, 7-6 to win the Rotterdam world indoor tennis final yesterday. The Dutchman, seeded No 2, played solidly against Vacek, who had beaten Goran Ivanisevic, the No 1 seed, in the semi-final and repeated his 1995 victory in the tournament. Krajicek, who had a knee operation at the end of last year, will improve one place to sixth in the world rankings.

Mark Philippoussis, of Australia, served his way into the final of the Arizona Classic on Saturday to set up a match against Richey Reneberg, of the United States. Philippoussis sent 19 aces past Chris Woodruff. of the United States, en route to a 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 victory in the semi-linals.

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, looking to end ten months without a title, scored a 6-4, 6-2 second-round win over Silvia Farina, of Italy, at the Evert Cup in Indian Wells.

Westwood triumphs

GOLF: Lee Westwood birdied the final hole to win the Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur by two strokes yesterday. The Englishman, ranked sixth on the European Tour. fought off a strong challenge from Larry Barber, of the United States, with a final round of 69, three under par, to finish on 274, 14 under. Barber was left to rue a missed twofoot birdie putt on the 8th.

"Patience was the key word today," Westwood, 23, said. "I started slowly and that is not good in any tournament, but I kept my patience." He bogeyed the 2nd but then registered four birdies, three of them on the back nine. Retief Goosen, of South Africa, finished third on 277 after returning a 65, the best round of the day.

Austrian ends drought

SKIING: The Lillehammer Olympic gold medal-winner. Thomas Stangassinger, skiing on next year's Olympic course, edged out Finn-Christian Jagge in a slalom race in Shigakogen, Japan, yesterday for his first World Cup title in three years. Starting as light snow fell, the 31-year-old Austrian recorded the fastest second run of the day. His aggregate time of Imin 41.10sec was 0.84sec faster than

Hendry aims for record

SNOOKER: Stephen Hendry's quest for a record-breaking 29th world-ranking tournament success has taken him to Bangkok, for the Singha Thailand Open. The Scot has been installed automatically as favourite but his recent record in overseas competitions does not inspire great confidence in his ability to collect the £40,000 first prize and his fifth title of the season. He has not won a trophy on foreign soil since

Fleming pips Baker

CYCLING: Brian Fleming, a London sports club trainer ranked 26th in the national standings, pipped Gary Baker, Britain's No I, to win the Colchester Rovers 138-kilometres event at Birch, Essex. In a sprint finish, Baker, who lives only three miles from the circuit, moved over to shut the door on the third finisher. Rob Hayles, but opened a handlebars' width on his left just sufficient to let through Fleming. The first ten were all credited with the same time.

Broadhurst's hat-trick

FOOTBALL: A hat-trick by Joanne Broadhurst, of Arsenal, helped England's women to a 6-0 victory over Scotland at Bramail Lane yesterday. Two goals from Doncaster Belles' Gillian Coultard and a header from Everton's Maureen Marley completed the scoring. The England manager, Ted Copeland, experimented by bringing on three i6-year-olds -the goalkeeper, Rachel Brown. Marie-Anne Catterail and Sue Smith - during the second-half.

Whitcombe inspired

ATHLETICS: Andrea Whitcombe celebrated her selection for the world cross country championships by retaining her English title over a tough course at Havant on Saturday. Whitcombe took the lead halfway round the six-kilometre course and won by 60 metres in 21min 07sec. Stefan White was equally convincing as he won the men's title, over 14 kilometres, in 45:53.

Headships retained

ROWING: Oriel and Osler-Green retained the headships of the Oxford University Torpids, which ended on the Isis on Saturday. Oriel were never seriously threatened by Pembroke the nearest challengers, who finished well clear of Magdalen, the third-placed crew, but Osler-Green were made to work hard by St Catherine's in the women's first

SNOW REPORTS

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ATHLETICS

Britain have to settle for silver service

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH athletics can look at itself in the mirror today and see almost the image of itself from the Olympic Games in Atlanta last summer. Then the Great Britain team won four silver medals, no gold. Here, in the world indoor championships at the Palais Omnisports, three Britons finished as runners-up, none as a champion.

In six world indoor championships, Britain has produced only three winners. John Regis, Tom McKean and Yvonne Murray, but there was every reason to suppose that number would be added to here. Jamie Baulch, in the 400 metres, and Steve Smith, in the high jump, both led the world rankings and had been performing consistently, and Colin Jackson, in the 60 metres hurdles, had dominated

his qualifying races. However, Baulch and Jackson had to settle for runnersup places yesterday, adding to Ashia Hansen's silver medal in the triple jump on Saturday, while Smith was well off the medals. Baulch, 23, was beaten by his own inexperience and should have chances in future, and it is for Jackson one should feel the greatest

Allen Johnson, the world and Olympic champion, from the United States, was absent injured, leaving the contest open. Anier Garcia, from Cuba, took the title in 7.48sec, Jackson following in 7.49sec. The Welshman has twice finished second, never more than 0.02sec behind the

Jackson complained that the false start for which he was called back was no such thing. This was ironic given that, in

1993, Mark McKoy, from Canada, was allowed to get away with an obvious flyer, denying Jackson victory.
"After that I had to hold

back," Jackson said. "It takes your focus off the first hurdle second time." At least it was progress for Jackson who, before coming here, had won 17 championship medals, but none since 1994.

Baulch, though he did not false start, suffered from going off too quickly. Leading through 200 metres in 21.30sec, his "split" time was much quicker than when he set the British record of 45_39sec last month. As Baulch slowed in the finishing straight. Sunday Bada, from Nigeria, came past to win in 45.51sec. Baulch recorded

Bada. 27, benefited from the experience which Baulch lacked. He had been runnerup in the last two world indoor championships, having led until the final kick. This time patience was rewarded. Baulch, his unbeaten six-race sequence ended, said: "At 150 metres I felt I might have gone too quickly but, once you are committed, you have to keep going."

The British women jumpers performed with credit, led by Hansen. Omitted from the team until she threatened legal action, Hansen set a British record of 14.70 metres and was beaten only by inna Lasovskaya, of Russia.

Hansen had said that she did not receive her copy of the British Athletic Federation letter informing athletes that participation in the trials was compulsory. The federation added her to the team only after her solicitor had taken up



Baulch, right, is relegated into second place in the 400 metres by Bada. Karube, left, of Japan, finished third

her case, noting that, as a professional athlete, she was being denied the right to earn

Speaking for the first time on the subject, Hansen said: "It was partly my fault, but I am not taking the whole blame." She would make sure there was no repetition. "I have learnt my lesson," she said. "I do not want to go through that again."

Rhian Clarke, 19. equalled the British women's pole vault record, jumping 3.90 metres. without making the final, and Jo Wise equalled the British long jump record of 6.70 metres set by Sue Telfer in 1984. Wise missed the medal that her perseverance deserved by one centimetre.

This was Wise's first appearance for Britain in four years, her future in athletics having appeared in jeopardy as she underwent three knee operations. Now she is beginning to fulfil the promise she showed in 1988, when she won the bronze medal at the world junior championships in which Fiona May won the gold for Britain. May won yesterday, now competing for Italy. How Britain could have done with her.

Podkopayeva steals the show THE closing day of the world to win by 0.03sec in 4min into the same category as Jonathan Edwards's achieveindoor championships yester-05.19sec. Podkopayeva, the day will be remembered for ment at the outdoor world

extraordinary performances by three athletes (David Powell writes). Wilson Kipketer set his second 800 metres world young. record in three days. Mary Slaney, 38, was denied a gold medal by an athlete six years her senior and Maria Mutola claimed a third successive women's 800 metres title two weeks after learning of the death of her father.

Bewildering though is was to see Kipketer reduce the record he had set in his heat on Friday by a further 1.29sec. to Imin 42.67sec, it will be the memory of watching Yekaterina Podkopayeva and Slaney, with a combined age of 82, disputing the gold medal like two stubborn middle-aged housewives fighting over a place in the supermarket check-out queue that lingers

longest. Slaney paid the price for leading and was overtaken in the last two strides when the Russian, the oldest athlete in these championships, stole by oldest world indoor champion when she won in 1993, must have made Linford Christie. 36, here as a BBC analyst. feel

Podkopaveva likes Paris. She became the oldest European indoor champion here, at 41. in 1994. She has two sons. 15 and ten, and is in her 22nd year of racing at 1.500 metres. I am 44 years old and proud about it." she said.

Kipketer's effort can be put



to have the chance to dedicate this medal to him."

he said.

Mutola was preparing to compete in the Ricoh Tour at Birmingham when she heard that her father had been knocked down by a car while he was out walking. After attending his funeral in Mozambique, she was persuaded by her mother to compete here. "My family wanted me to come here," Mutola said. "My mother said: 'If you stay, it is going to be worse.' The black ribbon was on my chest to remind me of the tragic death of my father. I am glad

championships of 1995, when

he set world records in the first

two rounds of the triple jump.

Kipketer was the only athlete to collect a \$50,000 (about

E31.000) bonus payment for a

world record. Such payments

are limited to one per event, so

why did Kipketer bother a

second time? "As long as I am

running, I have to do my best

and push myself to the limits."

GOLF: SOUTH AFRICAN WINS MOROCCAN OPEN AFTER STRONG FINISH

Newlove sweeps Keighley aside

RUGBY LEAGUE: HOLDERS SURGE INTO SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINALS

Keighley Cougars 0 St Helens

By Christopher Irvine

OF SEVERAL leading players unavailable for the Great Britain tour of New Zealand last year, Paul Newlove was probably missed the most. There are few more irrepressible or lethal individuals when it comes to scoring, as Keighley discovered in seeing their Silk Cut Challenge Cup aspirations smothered by the holders

The St Helens centre created two tries out of nothing and added one himself as Saints means the o the man-ofin an outstanding team dis-play which denied their First Division opponents the minor solace of scoring. Just as St Helens were

flawless defensively, their attack was pretty immaculate. Newlove was their principal Chris Joynt and Keiron Cun-

Bullish Bradford

ningham posed the home side too many questions with their constant driving and

Lee Briers, 18, continues to deputise for Bobbie Goulding

from everyone. Paul Newlove

tormentor, but in the pack,

was at the top of his game. Give him a bit of space and he'll destroy anybody. Newlove withdrew from the

hamstring injury he sustained in the Premiership final defeat by Wigan last September. The centre has underlined his value many times since his £500,000 move from Bradford in 1995, and yesterday he was back to his imperious best in fashioning St Helens' opening

> The danger appeared to have been dealt with when Wray and Foster both got hold of Newlove, but he got his pass out to Sullivan and Keighley's cover was blown. For the next

under the St Helens bonnet. Keighley's defence evaporated when Martyn cut through beneath the posts and Briers Britain tour party with a landed a conversion for a 14-0 lead at the break.

Although there was a slight easing up by St Helens in the second half. Briers added a further goal. Newlove was unstoppable from 20 metres for his try, and Joynt supplied his trade mark "back door" pass for another by Anderson. SCORIERS St Helens Tries; Sulfivan Hammond, Manyn Newtove Anderson Goals, Bners (2)

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British hopes founder in water hazard

NICK FALDO laboured on the practice range after two bad holes in the third round had wrecked his hopes of a second successive US PGA Tour victory in the Doral Open in Miami (a Correspondent writes).

The Masters champion took 75 for a two-under-par aggregate of 214 to fall ten shots behind the American. David Duval, who took a onestroke lead over Nick Price into the final round yesterday. Faldo, a winner in Los

Angeles last week, dropped

Whitelaw leaves best till last

CLINTON WHITELAW, who became "fed-up" with golf last year, picked up three strokes in two late holes to win the Moroccan Open by two shots

over the Royal Golf Links in

Agadir yesterday. The South African, one shot off the lead with three holes to play, birdied the 16th with a 25-foot outt and then had a magnificent eagle-three at the 17th to clinch his victory. His final round of 69 gave him a lour-round aggregate of 277, 11 under par.

Whitelaw, 26, finished two clear of three players, Roger

By Our Sports Staff

overall, three shots off the

Cole played the finest round of the week, an eight-under 64. to be the early clubhouse leader on 279. Then Chapman came to the last green one ahead, only to drop a shot to finish in 67 and be level with

Riley shot 68 to make it a three-way tie for the lead but by then Whitelaw had made his first telling blow with an eagle-three at the 10th. Russell was leading on ten-

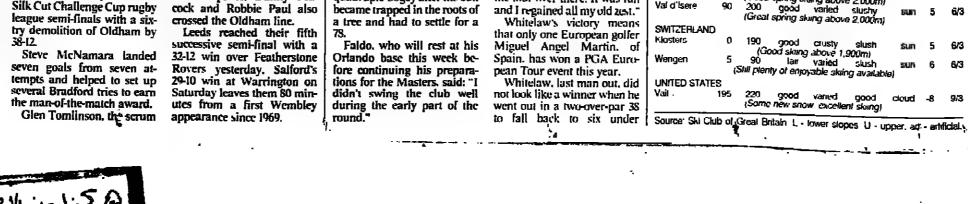
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Oliver Holt, in Melbourne, monitors a day of contrasting fortunes for Britain's leading racers

Coulthard restores McLaren's driving force

ignominy and humiliation here in Albert Park yesterday: another dawned bright and vibrant after a long, long night. Stranded by the side of the track before the Australian Grand Prix had even begun, Damon Hill watched the battle for his Formula One world title begin without him. Two hours later, drenched in champagne and tears of joy. David Coulthard stood on the top step of the podium and watched the Union Jack hoisted in salute to a different

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Rarely can a champion have fallen so far so quickly as Hill has done. Rarely can a driver's fortunes have changed so much in the space of two races. From the exultation of his championship triumph in Japan last season, to this most inauspicious of debuts with his new Arrows-Yamaha team, is a driver's equivalent of a journey from heaven to

Coulthard's career, in contrast, is soaring again. Not a man normally given to overt displays of emotion, he admitted that he was so overcome by the significance of the moment that he started crying as he approached the finish line, crying for the resurrection of a career that, like Hill's, seemed to be faltering after a move from Williams; crying, too, with relief at the lifting of a great burden on his McLaren

Once a byword for crushing domination of the sport, McLaren had not won a race since Ayrton Senna scored his final victory at the Australian

Grand Prix in Adelaide in 1993 and the team was coming under intense pressure from Mercedes, its engine supplier, to recapture former glories.

Now, even though Coulthard's victory owed some-thing to the first-corner accident that eliminated the Williams-Renault of Jacques Villeneuve, the hot favourite, McLaren have served notice that they are once more in a position to challenge the front-runners. With Michael Schumacher also likely to push Ferrari ever closer to Williams, it should be a vintage

"My girlfriend always says I am too hard and unfeeling." Coulthard said after the race, "but I did something I thought

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I would never do as I got close to the finish line and started crying. It was a mixture of joy. "I didn't even see the

chequered flag because of the tears. On my slowing-down lap, I didn't know whether to sing Flower of Scotland or Scotland the Brave but then I remembered it was an English team, so I thought I better not.

taken a big step back when I left Williams and arrived at McLaren, but looking at the landing Damon has had, I realise it wasn't really that bad after all. It was a step back but I always knew it had the potential to be a step forward. It felt better than my first win for Williams because this was so unexpected.

"A win like this gives everyone in the team a real momentum. It is more important for Mercedes and McLaren than for me and I am so pleased that I was the driver who ended the long drought."

Suddenly the spirit of McLaren's halcyon days, a time when Ron Dennis, their managing director, and Senna would indulge in practical jokes and outlandish wagers, came flooding back. Before Christmas, Dennis agreed to wear a kilt at an awards ceremony and Coulthard's part of the bargain was a payment of £25,000 to a children's charity.

The Scot, whose only other race victory came in the Portuguese Grand Prix in 1995, when he was Hill's team-mate at Williams, also revealed he would have to dye his hair the colour of McLaren's new silver cars before the Brazilian Grand Prix in three weeks' time to fulfil the terms of

It is probable, though, that his victory would not have been possible without the misfortune that befell Villeneuve, who had qualified in pole position with a performance so imperious that it suggested he would dominate the race from start to finish.

That impression dissolved within the first 50 yards, when his Williams-Renault crawled away from the line and was swallowed up by four or five of his rivals. As he turned into the first corner, a righthander, he was hit by the skidding Ferrari of Eddie Villeneuve, in turn, Irvine.



Flying the flag: Coulthard is proud to reveal his true colours while celebrating his unexpected first victory for McLaren at Albert Park yesterday

Petronas of Johnny Herbert and both ended up marooned in a gravel trap.

Herbert labelled irvine, who drove him off the circuit at Monza two years ago, "a wild man and an idiot. He has ruined the race for me, Jacques and the crowd. But there is no point talking to him about it because he just says: 'It was not my fault.' " Irvine said exactly that after the race and although Villeneuve, too. was critical of him, the stewards chose not to punish the Ulsterman.

With Villeneuve out of the race, Frentzen, Hill's replacement at Williams, opened up a commanding lead. Running a two-ston strategy compared

with the one-stop plan preferred by Coulthard and Schumacher, he used the advantage of a lighter fuel load to establish a ten-second advantage over Coulthard.

He fell back to third when he made his first stop after 18 laps but regained the lead when Coulthard and Schumacher made their stops on the 33rd and 31st laps respectively. When he made his second stop after 40 laps, he was nearly 23 seconds ahead.

His stop was longer than it should have been, though, and instead of darting out ahead of his pursuers, he left the pit lane five seconds after they had hurrled by. He reduced the margin but, with four laps

to go, a brake problem sent him spinning out of the race. Williams had started the season without a point.

Any faint hopes that Schumacher may have had of mounting a late challenge to Coulthard disappeared eight laps from the end, when Ferrari called him in for an unscheduled second stop for fuel. Mystified by the move, he nevertheless managed to keep ahead of the second McLaren, driven by Mika Hakkinen, and finished two seconds ahead of the Finn.

By then, Hill was on his way to the airport to catch his plane home, left to reflect on a weekend that could hardly have gone worse. From Saturday afternoon, when he nar-rowly escaped failure to qualify for the race, to yesterday afternoon, when his car slowed to a sorry halt on the formation lap, he endured a

purgatorial two days. Plagued by reliability prob-lems and hobbled by a lack of horsepower from his Yamaha engine, the Englishman is trapped in a car that is one of the worst in the field. Success this year will mean achieving respectability and although Hill has the talent, the drive and the development skills to reach that target, it will be a long, hard road.

"I am philosophical about it," Hill said, "because I knew it was going to be difficult to

get reliability. I think debacle is too strong a word for it because it was what we expected. There have been little things going wrong all the time. We just need to get down to some testing and put these

things behind us." For now, though, he will have to grin and bear the sympathy and the pity that is heading in his direction, along with the jokes of some of his rivals. When Schumacher, for instance, was asked if he realised Hill had broken down on the parade lap, his reply was withering. "Our wing mirrors are not that good," he

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HOCKEY

Cup brings cheer for goalless Cambridge

False start: Hill, right, helps to push his Arrows off the track after its engine failed on the warm-up lap

Cambridge University ... 0

Oxford University0 By ALIX RAMSAY

CAMBRIDGE retained the Challenge Cup at the 96th annual women's University match on Saturday, but only just. Their 3-0 victory last year only the second definite result in six matches — gave them the trophy and the draw this time ensures that the silverware is theirs for a further 12 months.

There was much scurrying hither and thither, but little sense of direction. Sophie Gilder, sporting a black eye after a ball hit her in the face during training, tried to show the way for the light blues by getting in the thick of what little action there was but no one seemed able to follow. The clearest chance fell to Nat Redpath but, from one yard out, she could only tap the ball to the Oxford goalkeeper, Charlotte Deane.

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Victoria Pope tried to instil some discipline and organisation from the centre of the Oxford midfield, but to no

field to two avail. Their coach. Ian Boddington, spent much of the day with his head in his hands, particularly after their

penalty-corner count had reached double figures. Nobody ever suggested the University match would be a test of finesse - all that matters is the cup. Oxford could, at least, celebrate the second XI's 1-0 victory, after a goal from Sarah Stirling 15 minutes from time.

Cannock's fall cuts

By Sydney Friskin

THE race for the premier division title in the National League was reduced to a twohorse contest between Teddington and Reading yesterday after Cannock dropped out of the running. Cannock lost 5-4 at home to

Teddington while Reading registered a 4-2 win at home to Guildford to stay a point clear at the top of the table. The championship will be decided on April 6, when Reading entertain Cannock and Canterbury visit Tedd

The match at Cannock was decided when Hauck scored for Teddington two minutes before the end. Only two minutes earlier Parnham's goal from a short corner had levelled the score at 4-4 for Cannock, who had trailed 41. Two goals by Billson followed by one from Hauck added to the lead that Laslett had given Teddington, Cannock hitting back with two goals by Crutchley and another by

Reading were 2-1 down against Guildford but recovered their composure in the second half with goals by Wyatt, from a penalty stroke. Ashdown, from a short corner, and Loose in open play. Ashdown had also given Reading the lead in the fourth minute from a short corner. Jennings scored Guildford's goals, from a short corner and a penalty stroke.

In the struggle to avoid relegation Barford Tigers gained a two-point advantage over Surbiton with a 4-2 at Havant, although Surbiton have a game in hand. Barford Tigers have one more match left against East Grinstead. while Surbiton have yet to play Old Loughtonians and Hounslow.

Surbiton lost 3-1 yesterday at Southgate, whose goals all came in the second half from Attala, Simons and Woods.

David Ralph scored three goals for Old Loughtonians, including two from penalty strokes, in their 5-4 victory at East Grinstead, for whom Laird scored twi.

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Lyle devilry torments Manchester

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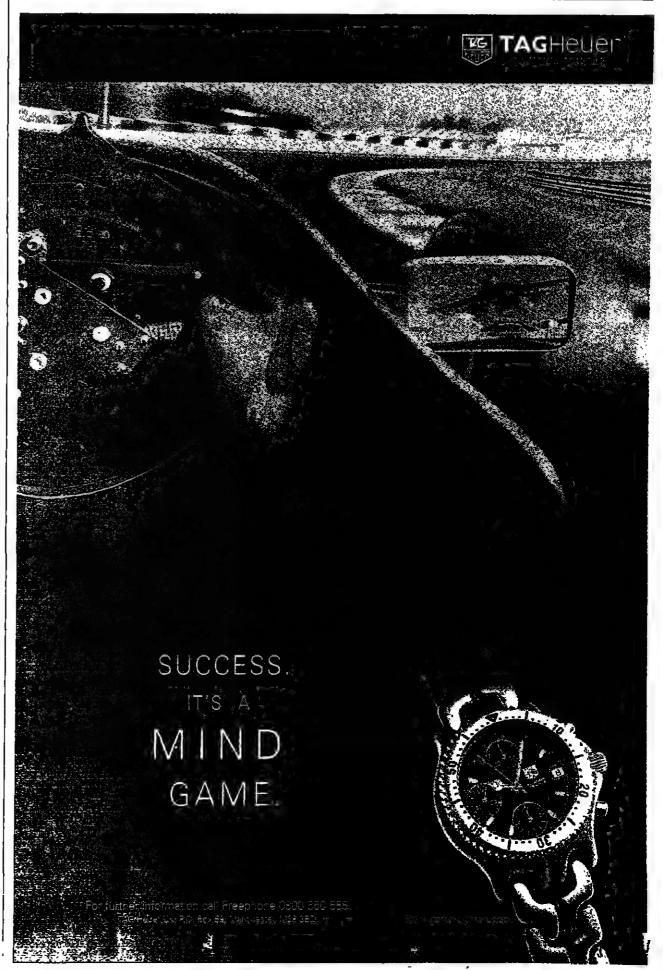
tingham Panthers are on the threshold of the Superleague semi-finals with three wins out of three in their quarter-final play-offs. In contrast. Manchester Storm, whose home rink is the venue for the closing stages of the championship, have lost both of their games so far, have yet to score a goal and seem unlikely to

Although Stevie Lyle in the Cardiff goal stole the head-lines, saving all 27 Manchester shots that came his way on Friday, his opposite number. Eric Raymond, was brilliant and Cardiff's win would have been even more decisive than 340 but for him. Similarly, Trevor Robins

had another ourstanding game in goal for the Panthers in their win over Sheffield Steelers on Saturday, Ashley Tait scored the only goal of the first period, his backhand shot going in off the post, to give the Panthers the lead and it was 4-O seven minutes into the second period, two of the goals coming in 17 seconds, Jason Lafreniere pulled one back for the Steelers and Robins made a rare mistake to allow Jamie Leach to make it 42, but the Panthers won 6-3.

Ayr Scottish Eagles seemed to be favourites to accompany Cardiff into the semi-finals from Group A after a 5-0 away success against Newcastle Cobras. Sven Ramps achieved the shut-out with 29 saves while the all-round strength of Ayr was demonstrated by their ten different scorers. The closest game on Satur-

day was at Basingstoke, where Bison left it until there was only to seconds of overtime remaining to beat Bracknell Bees. Chris Maybury gave the home side a 14) first-period lead and Shayne McCosh scored the only goal of the second period to level. Steve Brown restored Basingstoke's lead in the third period but Mike Ellis brought the Bees level within two minutes. Kevin Conway with his second assist of the game, set up Mery Priest for the winner



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FOOTBALL: FERGUSON'S SELECTION MISJUDGMENT CONTRIBUTES TO UNEXPECTED SETBACK FOR FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP LEADERS

United's fall opens up title contest

Manchester United1

By PETER BALL

THE English language has a saying for virtually every occasion. Choosing the right one was the question at Roker Park on Saturday as Sunderland hustled Manchester United to an unexpected defeat. Did it represent the dustcart arriving on cue after United's Lord Mayor's Show against FC Porto — or of pride going before a fall?

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, put up a spirited defence. There's a price to pay for these big games." he said. "Everyone was on such a high after Wednesday, i expected the backlash a bit.

It was hard to get them going today. After half an hour, you knew, you were just looking for a spark from one of the players, but it just wasn't there. We just looked dead, couldn't get going at all."

He had a point Perhaps most telling of all was the lacklustre performance of David May. So authoritative and on the pace on

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Wednesday, on Saturday he looked tentative and uncertain, as if he was playing, as he was, his third game in eight days after a month's absence for a hernia operation.

Where Jardel and Artur had been repelled with ease, Mullin on one occasion left him tackling air. Later, the young Sunderland forward outpaced and outmuscled him to score Sunderland's second goal and his first since September

May was not alone. Schmeichel's concentration wavered more than once and his fumble gave the first goal to Gray, the first by a Sunderland player at Roker Park this year.

Cantona was the Cantona of most of this season, hovering on the fringes of the action for the first hour rather than the imperious figure of Wednesday. Beckham had some good moments, one pass sending Cantona striding through the Sunderland defence, but only the admirable Gary Neville was his

Ferguson argued that his team selection, leaving Cole, Solskjaer and Giggs on the bench, was intended to freshen things up. It looked like a serious misjudgment even before the start.

in the event, against Sunderland. who were looking to put a 4-0

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Kelly has a painful landing after being tackled by McClair but the Sunderland midfield player was smiling at the end

midweek thrashing by Tottenham Hotspur behind them, it proved fatal. Poborsky and Cruyff may just about be all right to bring into full-strength side against Coventry City at Old Trafford. With Pallister injured and Keane suspended, asking them to take on such a big responsibility at Roker Park was too much.

Poborsky offered little flashes of inspiration, but Cruyff looks out of his depth in the vigorous English game. After ten minutes, Beckham waved Gary Neville down the line and found him with a sweeping free kick. Neville crossed first-time on the run, the sort of inviting centre that Shearer had pounced on with such relish in the European championship last year: Cruyff failed even to make a challenge for

With nothing at the front, United had ceded the advantage to Sunderland and how well they took it. Bracewell and Ball winning midfield, where McClair struggled, and the spindly-legged Bridges and Mullin running at United's back five with enthusiasm as Roker roared in the spring sunshine.

"It was like a cup-tie," Ferguson said. But it always is at Roker Park. United's understrength side could not cope. Giggs, who had felt his hamstring injury in the warm-up. stayed on the bench and by the time Cole and Solskjaer appeared the game had begun to slip away from United.

The two front players had covered so much ground and



Mullin, scorer of Sunderland's second goal, outjumps Johnsen

worked so hard on Wednesday. I just didn't think they would give us anything anyway. Terguson said. But when they arrived they gave more than their replacements.

The consequences may be momentous, giving Sunderland a large step towards safety and opening the title door to Liverpool and maybe Arsenal. Now, if Liverpool win all their remaining games, they will be champions.

"I've had two bets." Peter Reid. the Sunderland manager, said afterwards. "That we will stay up and that United will win the Premiership. I think they are both cast-iron certainties."

He may be right but on Saturday, against the odds, suddenly the bet on his own team looked the

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Bergkamp makes Forest pay for negative outlook

Nottingham Forest.

BY BRIAN GLANVILLE

A PETRIFIED Forest indeed. They came for a point, they got none at all. By contrast with their smashand-grab raid in north London a week earlier at Tottenham Hotspur, Dean Saunders's one menacing moment produced not a goal but a seemingly valid offside decision. These incidents can alter the course of the game," . Dave Bassett, their new general manag-

Well, maybe. The fact is that Forest came to Highbury in the faint hope of grabbing something in an isolated raid. Bassett admitted that their confidence had been undermined by their collapse at home in midweek against Sheffield Wednesday, Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, contests that Arsenal's own confidence had been dented by successive defeats at home to Manchester United and Wimbledon, Patience, he said, was needed in such circumstances. The opening goal, which eventually came five minutes after half-time. was essential to success.

You could see the confidence was not there." Wenger said. "You could see Nottingham Forest were well-organised and waiting for the counter.

In the event, the counter hardly came at all. Forest's one legitimate strike of any consequence arrived in the ninetieth minute when Guinan, their substitute, got his head to Pearce's free kick from the left but Keown, ever resourceful, cleared from the line. Just as his own header had earlier been cleared from Forest's.

Forest reportedly have \$16 million to spend and they had better start spending it soon if they hope to stay in the FA Carling Premiership. Bassett says they have been trying to buy, but with scant response. Understandably, per-haps. Forest may now be rich, but who wants to step onto a sinking

As the game, in the first half, wore rediously on, you found yourself hoping for an Arsenal goal that might have joited Forest into sending someone up front-beside the lonely Saunders. Nigel Clough has not got the pace to support him, now. Bryan Roy, disappointing Holland international quite overshadowed by his compatriot, Dennis Berokamp - did not as Bassen said, make a difference when he was brought on. But what could he reasonably be expected to do in linle more than a quarter of an

With the suspended Ian Wright watching from the press box Bergkamp carried Arsenal's banner with distinction. He scored both their goals, the second from the penalty spot, and was a trial to Forest's overmanned defence Wenger was delighted with him.

Maybe the most consistent game he has played, because there was not only talent, but a fighter. He goes in one to one, puts his foof in-He scored two goals and created a lot of chances. A world-class player, but he shows that he can fight

All this despite a gruesome foul on the Holland striker by Forest's. Norwegian midfield player, Haaland, as early as the twelfth minute. Mike Reed, the referee, unforgiven by Leicester City supporters after that penalty at Chelsea, talked to Haaland like: you could say, a Dutch uncler no immediate booking. Nor did he send him off when Haaland gave. away a penalty II minutes from time, handling the ball-on the ground under pressure from Bergkamp. Haaland, in faci, stayed out of Reed's book until the 72nd minute. Bergkamp himselfput the penalty away.

in the first half, Bergkamp's right-footed shot from the left was well saved by Crossley, who also managed to repel a shot by Platt and a thundering drive by Hughes. An even better save was made, point blank from Merson, and it seemed possible that Crossley might emulate Tommy Wright, whose goalkeeping had defied Tottenham the previous Saturday.

Five minutes into the second half. however, Vieira, who had just been off the field for treatment, returned to split Forest's defence with a through-pass and Bergkamp sent his shot inside the far post.

Forest were lucky to escape when first Hughes, then Merson, broke through alone. Crossley saved each time, on the second occasion for a corner. Reed gave a goal kick. Nobody knew why. A broken Reed? ARSENAL (3.5-2) J Lukic — A Adams, M Neown, S Marshalf — L Dson, P Vella, D Platt, S Hughes (sub: S Morrow, 82min), N Winterburn — P Messon, D Bargkamp NOTTINGHAM POREST (3-6-1) M Crossley — S Pearce, S Chertie, N Jerkan (sub: S Genan, 57) — D Lyttle, C Cooper, A I Habland, S Genmil, D Philips, N Cloud; (sub. B Roy, 73) — D Saunders

Strachan

apologises

to fans for

draw bore

Coventry City0

Leicester City0

By A CORRESPONDENT

GORDON STRACHAN, the

Coventry City manager, was blunt in his appraisal of this

featureless FA Carling Pre-miership contest. It was not

value for money," Strachan

said, "and everybody at the

club must take the blame for

Coventry have garnered a

mere four points from their

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past six matches. Darren Huckerby, as so often, caused some early problems for the visitors but it was an uphill struggle. Leicester will feel that they are one point closer

fended resolutely and were marginally the better side, said: "I thought we passed the ball around well at times without having the cutting edge but that's another important point for us." Points of interest in a match

of commitment and energy. but lacking in skill, were few and far between. Taylor, the Leicester substitute, had the

from injury too soon. Salako was substituted 24 minutes after being brought on at half-

to survival, now only five short of the 42 that Martin O'Neill. their loquacious manager. identified as required to stay in the Premiership. O'Neill, whose team de-

two best chances to score for his team, but was profligate. Keller, the United States international, made his customary series of good saves. Strachan admitted that he had brought John Salako back

Highfield Road within 15 min-

COVENTRY CITY (3-5-2) S Ogracove — D
Dabin C Broom, A Evrushok — P Totler
Lab J Salako 46mm, sub P Notovu, 701
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Borrows, 85- B Shaw — N Wholen D
Huckerby
LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2) K Koller — J
Wats, IA Elinia, S Walch — S Grayson, N
Lumon, G Parker M Loot S Guppy — E
5-3-5, Sub S Taylor, 51), M Robers (subr
J Lamonaco 60)

Salako was less than thrilled and was away from utes of the final whistle. The majority of the 19,220 crowd must have wished that they had departed as quickly.

shoulders.

more than mediocrity.

England internationals both,

came impressively close to

proving that good players can

indeed become bad one over-

night. Naturally enough, both

managers professed them-

selves content with their

teams, which said something

about limited ambitions but

perhaps more about the con-

centration of real talent with

those clubs at the business end

The successes? Martyn.

faultless in the Leeds goal, and

Palmer. predictably enough,

on an occasion made for

scufflers. Between them.

Wetherall and Molengar also

managed to nullify Ferguson's

aerial threat, which is com-

mendable enough if decidedly

unrivering, and Molenaar was

negligently allowed enough

space to head the scisive

of the division.

Molenaar acts to provide relief from mediocrity goal, from Bowyer's corner, in Leeds United. the 28th minute. Evertor ... Martyn, who had earlier saved competently from Fer-guson and Phelan, subse-By Keith Pike

quently did so bravely from IN OTHER seasons, a meet-Branch and, at the death, lng of these sides on FA Cup sixth-round weekend might spectacularly from Speed's header, guaranteeing Leeds have been trailed as one of the their seventh clean sheet in games of the season. This, though, promised little and eight league games, their fifth in a row at home and ninth place in the Premiership: addelivered as much, save the three points that all but ensure mirably numbing statistics Leeds United's continued that prompted one outbreak of membership of the FA Carling media hysteria. What about Premiership and the defeat Europe. George Graham was that leaves Everton looking asked. "It's either there or the ever more anxiously over their Caribbean." the Leeds manager replied, adding: "You are talking about holidays, aren't That both teams are in what optimistic supporters and

stressed managers like to term "a period of transition" is undeniable. Only Carlton Palmer, of Leeds, and the Everton quartet of Southall, Short. Watson and Ferguson started the corresponding fixture 12 months ago, but, for all enough expensively acquired internationals on sizeable salaries playing on Saturday to have demanded something Even that was beyond some. The Leeds followers cannot have enjoyed warching Yeboah posturing and Rush reduced to the ranks of mid-field ball-winners, while Barmby and Unsworth, recent

Martyn: faultless

Joe Royle, the Everton manager, could yet be planning day trips to such exotic resorts as Southend and Swindon. His side, having taken six points out of 3b, are in a deep rut at the wrong time, a team without luck - for all their failings they just about deserved a draw here - but also without conviction. Martyn could have joined them when he left Crystal Palace but preferred Leeds and he will not be regretting his decision

LEEDS UNITED (3-5.2) N Mustyn — R Mokraar D Mehoall Hilane — G Hatle C Peimer I Fruch, L Bosner I Sharpe — B Dearte A report Sevent Schroll, D Watson, D Ursacen — E Bornet, C Thomsen, J Patherson (sub N Secret, T Popular — N Berndt, (sub M Branch, N) D Francisco

Roker trip confirms that race will go to the wire

A fter what was a crush-ing disappointment at Villa Park, the past week could not have been better had we written the script ourselves. OK, I know we were overwhelming favourites against SK Brann but so were PSV

My point is that it was a tricky game, especially given the apparent confidence back home that it would be a walkover. Manchester United's performance against Porto didn't help either. because even more was expected from us.

We delivered. An away goal puts us in control of the tie and that is always a source of satisfaction. The pressure is off a little now for the home leg because we don't have to go in search of a goal, we can relax and build at our own

Saturday also brought a devent result and we didn't even play. I can confess now that I did not expect Manchester United to lose at Sunderland. Not because Sunderland are a bad side their 0-0 draw at Anfield proved that they are difficult opponents — it's just that after the great result in midweek, you could see Manchester United brimming with confidence. and remember that Sunderland went into the game on the back of

a demoralising defeat at home to Tottenham. It was a nice surprise.

then, and there are two issues that the result raises. First, it reiterates what I have said in this column all scason, that this year's FA Carling Prebecause any team can beat any other. The television money

means that every team has some quality players. The top teams, of course, have more. that is why they are at the top. but on their day even the lower teams have enough weapons to hurt anybody. especially if they are as committed as Sunderland

My second point is that I believe it confirms what the

STEVE --McMANAMAN



on twists and turns in the title battle

years - there can frequently be a dip in form after a decent midweek performance in Europe, or even when several players have been away on international duty.

After the emotional high and the adrenalin-pumping pressure of a hig game such as United's against Porto. players can be drained for a few days. It is not easy to lift yourself so quickly, and it's not necessarily a physical thing but a psychological one. You get that situation after

Lower teams still have the weapons to hurt'

we hope, be significant. When I was thinking about

writing this before Saturday, I had thought that I would reflect upon the fact that a games to go is not an insurmountable one. After our widely condemned and the title race was declared over. Manchester United were generally regarded as having it However, even before they

Now, a week after the title

race was supposedly over, it will be wide open again if we

can beat Newcastle this eve-

ning, and if we do, then I am

sure there will still be more

twists and turns before the

championship is finally

I still think it will go to the wire and I still would not rule Arsenal out. What is impor-

tant is that we get a result against Newcastle tonight.

Defeat would again hand the

impetus back to Manchester

United and that would be

Despite our defeat at Villa

Park. I think our form

of late has been very

good, and that will be

important on the run-in.

When the pressure is

really on - as it will be

over the next two

months - then you have to

rely on instinct and nerve to

If you are playing well, then that immediately offers

confidence and can breed a

consistency that is vital, It is

what we must find now. To

win the title we have to string

together a decent run of

results and we are confident

We know we have played

well recently even though

results have not always gone

our way. The game against

Blackburn was evidence of

that. But in Norway we also

showed that we have a resil-

ience which could prove im-

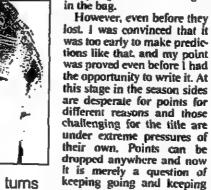
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you have been away with England, and I am sure United have the same problem. Alex Ferguson said that a few of his players were knackered, and I can understand that. Anyway, the result offers the initiative hack to Liverpool in the championship race to a certain extent. We had a European game as well, but the fact that we have an extra day to recover will.

four-point gap between us and United with ten or so top teams have found for

FOOTBALL: PREMIERSHIP SIDE DISPLAYS CLASS AND COMPOSURE TO ACCOUNT FOR UNDERDOGS AND REACH FA CUP SEMI-FINALS

Hughes excels as Chelsea coast past Portsmouth

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By Rob Hughes FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

CHELSEA silenced the Pornpey Chimes at Fration Park yesterday lunchtime, winning by a score, and with a composure that spelled class. Portsmouth may have been able to travel to Elland Road in the fifth round of the FA Cup and outplay Leeds United, but they were never anything but pretenders to Chelsea's vast superiority in the quarter-final.

The goals, from Mark Hughes, from Wise - who scored twice - and, of course, from Zola, were simply marks for the skill that overwhelmed the Nationwide League first division side. In return, though Portsmouth were allowed to mark in an altogether different way, were given licence to kick shins black and blue, they never left the desired imprint on the Fulham Road aristocrats. Nor, indeed, did the supposed ability of Terry Venables, the Portsmouth owner, to bemuse a more talented team with tactics, prove anything more than an empty notion.

We should be grateful. It is one thing to travel to an FA Cup tie in hope of romance, of the lesser club beating the greater one by dint of effort. and application. It is another to allow talents of imagination to be bludgeoned in the name of English cup fare.

Ruud Gullit, himself on crutches, asked his centre forward, Mark Hughes, afterwards: "What have you done to these players for ten years?

Gullit, proud of the way that his sometimes distracted team concentrated for the full 90 minutes, later said: "Mark may have calves that are very big, but that doesn't mean you can kick them whenever you want. It is good to see a player like him, still hungry, setting a good example for the team. I knew exactly how Portsmouth would play, and we knew that if we continued to use one



touch or two, we would be able to reach the semi-final. You will have to ask the referee about the tackles, I can only tell you I am quite happy as a coach to see the way my team physically and tactically coped with the situation."

Hughes was happy too. He is 90 minutes away from the opportunity to win a fourth FA Cup-winner's medal. As a Manchester United player and as a Barcelona player under Venables, Hughes got his retaliation in first. Yesterday, we saw the more virtuous side of his temperament and his talent.

It took 25 minutes for Hughes to strike. Before then, with the sea mist rolling in and the old stands of Fratton Park shaking with raucous expectation. Chelsea had gradually silenced the home

They had Leboeuf, shaven-

sion, as a spare defender whose class looked apart from all else. With similar styles the teams fenced, but while Leboeuf engineered Chelsea's offside trap to perfection, there was no equivalent brain in Portsmouth blue.

Up front it was the movement of Chelsea, the international awareness, that time and again cluded Portsmouth. Zola would simply not be marked. He took up positions 20 yards behind Hughes, he darted here and there, his touch was ever true, but he had missed an opportunity after 17 minutes, allowing Knight, playing his 738th game for Portsmouth, to block bravely at his feet.

Nevertheless, movement and thought would eventually take Portsmouth apart. Di Matteo chipped the ball down the centre, Perrett, a himbering centre half who wasted few opportunities to hack at Hughes, misjudged the flight, and Hughes, unquestionably still the best centre forward of his type, delayed his run, allowed the ball to bounce, and watched Knight come towards him. Then, with venom, with absolute certainty, he swung his right foot and dispatched the ball past the stranded goalkeeper

That was in the 25th minute. Class had told - would Chelsea's concentration? They were being buffeted: Svensson kicked Leboeuf, Perrett was horribly late with a tackle on Hughes. There had been nothing by way of reprisal in Portsmouth's attacks when, two minutes from half-time, Cheisea effectively settled the unequal match.



Knight is helpless as Wise applies the finishing touch to put Chelsea 2-0 ahead against Portsmouth at Fratton Park yesterday

Zola stood over the ball for a free kick two yards outside the penalty box. Portsmouth waited in lear of the shot, so the Italian chipped the ball towards the far post in a rehearsed move. Clarke was unmarked and, though his header was pushed away by Knight, Clarke was quick to the rebound. The ball would have gone in from him had Wise not nipped forward to

Portsmouth did attempt a tactical reshufile. They came out after the break in a Dutch 3-4-3 formation, with Hall up alongside Bradbury and Svensson. Fleetingly it aroused the home support, but after Grodas had scampered to beat Hall to the ball, Chelsea suddenly broke to

Hughes began the momen-tum on the right, Di Matteo then linked with Zola, the first Italian cushioning the ball before releasing it, the second sidefooting it past Knight. Zola's final touch was an easy,

incisive, rapier's thrust. On spirit alone did Portsmouth come back. Seven minutes from time they broke the length of the field. Simpson ran alertly for Awford's clear-

Wimbledon's virtues prevail

as Wednesday are eliminated

ance, controlled the ball and put it into the path of Burton, who from 13 yards claimed the consolation goal. But that was all it was.

Three minutes later, though Knight had already made a superlative stop from Burley. the goalkeeper miskicked a clearance straight to Wise. From Wise to Hughes and back to Wise again the ball was played until, with con"Can we play you every week?" the Chelsea fans chortled, but they are a stride away from Wembley.

PORTSMOUTH (3-4-1-2): A Knight — Thomson, R Perrett, A Awlard — R Perject D Hillier, A Mot.oughler, F Simpson (sub: Igoe, 72hm) — F Hall — L Statchury, I Svenson (sub: D Burton, 60) CHELSEA (3-5-2): F Grades — F Simpson (sub: E Johnson, 77), S Cierte, Petresou, R Di Medison (sub: C Burley, 62), Wies, P Hughres, S Minto — G Zols, I Hughres, J Winter

Middlesbrough's cups runneth over as Ravanelli sees the light

Middlesbrough..........2

THE STATE

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

AT THE end of this abrasive, often unseemly FA Cup tie, there was a rare shaft of light. Ravanelli, who had spent most of the afternoon behaving like a stage Italian, took Juninho's pass on the left side of the Derby County penalty area and struck a shot like an arrow beyond the blameless Taylor. It was an excellent goal and confirmed Middlesbrough's place, for the first time, in the semi-finals of the

FA Cup. But, as their fans sang about going to Wembley twice, Bryan Robson might wish to trade in some of their Cup form for league points. Their position at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership offers a more revealing portrait of the side and a fairer reflection of his ability as a manager. They are not too good to go down. and the more the two Cups occupy their attention, the greater will be the distraction from the relegation fight.

There was not much football at the Baseball Ground and attack. Ward and Willems made an ineffective pairing, and Asanovic was not far behind Ravanelli in his hom-

age to Thespis. For a team that had lost 6-1 to Middlesbrough four days previously. Derby were a huge disappointment. Juninho's command of the ball, and his ability to run past defenders, enabled Middlesbrough to carry the day. The little Brazilian scored a fine goal in the first half, taking back the pass he gave to



Juninho: full of grace

Middlesbrough attempted to play most of it. Deprived of Sturridge, who was suspended, Derby lacked swiftness in grace it had.

Hignett and slipping a left-footed shot beyond Taylor. He conferred on the game what grace it had. conferred on the game what

In a different way Pearson, proved no less important. Together with Festa, the Italian, he provided a defensive bulwark in front of Roberts. whose saves of note were few. Pearson is one of those "solid" professionals who turn up on time, get on with the job without complaint, and rarely feature in headlines. Some of his more pampered teammates, and one or two mardy boys elsewhere, could perhaps remember sometimes those

> The early skirmishes were grubby; ugly, even. After Ravanelli was booked for a late challenge that left Chris Powell grounded. Mr Poll added the names of three Derby men, Carsley, Flynn and Ward, all before the twentieth minute. There was anger in the air, and the match suffered, though, in making chances for Beck, Ravanelli and Juninho. Middlesbrough retained the clearer heads. In view of what had gone on

before, Juninho's 38th minute goal was a little gem. Breaking

"quick feet" football people like to talk about, he made and scored a goal of pure craft. it the Middlesbrough captain, methods look rather banal, and their methods did not

alter greatly. Asanovic remained their best hope of a goal, not least from set pieces. Roberts shovelled a first-half free kick round the post and watched another kick, in the second half, clear his crossbar. Ward might have scored from open play but Festa closed him down as he shot. Slog away as they did Derby never threatened Middlesbrough again.

Ravanelli roamed from right to left, accepted Juninho's nice little pass and scored in the grand manner, like a man who has no doubts. This was Derby's last Cup tie at their evocative, now thoroughly ramshackle ground. They will not recall it with joy.

With time running out,

DERBY COUNTY (4-3-3) M Taylor — L Carsley I Striner C Dailty C Powell — S Plynn (sub G Bowell 45mar), P Trollope D Powell — Sub P Simpson, 72) — R Wilerins (sub M Gaddian 83), A Ward, A Asanovic
MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2) B Roberts — C
Floring, N Pearson G Festa C Blackindre
— P Stamp C Highert, R Musice Juncho
— M Beck, F Ravaneti Wimbledon

BY DAVID MADDOCK

IT IS time, once and for all, to put aside this nonsense of Wimbledon being ramshackle underdoes with a spirit of amateur ahandon. If this ultimately comprehensive FA Cup quarter-final victory over Sheffield Wednesday has proved anything, it is the sheer professionalism of the club these days.

In Joe Kinnear they have a wily manager with a keen sense of direction. Their league position is evidence enough of their quality. What Wimbledon do not have is a strength in depth to win the FA Carling Premiership, but Kinnear knows they can win a cup, and in recent weeks he has clearly pursued that ambi-tion to the detriment of all other objectives.

Forget his entreaties of tiredness, that his side is failing at the end of an exhausting race. He even dared to repeat such a claim after this victory, but the reality was very different. Wimbledon were too strong, and simply too good for their surprisingly subdued

the tie, a sneaking suspicion was aroused that Wimbledon would lose only if they were careless enough to allow Wednesday an escape their performance did not deserve. Wimbledon dominated and created enough chances to have won the match three times over before their opponents gained even a corner.

That Wimbledon did not take one of those chances until the 74th minute at least made a contest of it.

No fewer than six presentable opportunities were declined by the hour, notably by the forwards, Gayle and Ekoku. Wednesday, on the ropes, were not dispatched and began to sense the potential for a knockout blow. The next ten minutes decid-

ed the game. Hirst, a first-half substitute, was the Sheffield club's one creative influence of note and as he found a persuasive rhythm — conjured up from the depths of discontent at his original omission perhaps — Wednesday finally created chances.

opportunities, both woefully spurned. First, after 65 minutes Hirst ran 50 yards into From the early moments of the penalty area and rolled the

ball into Booth's path with the gaping. But Booth Five minutes later and Wednesday committed a crime that would not go unpunished. This time Hirst took the ball in midfield and curled a delicious pass to Carbone, who produced a similar sense of adventure to find Whittingham inside the penalty area. He did everything right

find space, but then sent the ball the wrong side of the It was Robbie Earle, fittingly, who did the punishing.

by coolly beating a defender to

Earle is the Carling Player of the Month, has scored in every round of this competition so far, and at 32 has even forced himself into the England picture. No wonder. Sixteen minutes from the

end he raced onto Gayle's intelligent flick on the edge of the penalty area and smashed

There was no coming back for Wednesday, who could perhaps claim that the first half loss of Newsome and Hyde with serious leg injuries, helped their cause not one jot. In the final seconds Holdsworth, a Wimbledon substitute, was found in space in the penalty area by the impressive Leonhardsen and he finished

The south London club must now face Chelsea in the semi-final and it will certainly be a sterner test than this. But as Earle said afterwards: "When you have beaten Manchester United in this competition, you are afraid of no one." These days it is Wimbledon who make opponents afraid.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — S. Nicol, J. Newsonte (sub., R. Humphreys, 13min), D. Walker, I. Nolan — G. Whatingham, G. Hyde (sub. D. Hrst, 36), P. Afferion, M. Pemondge — B. Carbone, A. Bosto.

WMBLEDON (4-4-2)* N Sultivan — Curningham, C Party, D Blackowii, Nimble — N Ardiny, V Jones, R Earle, Leonharden — E Eloku textor Holdsworth, 86), M Gayle (sub; National, 88), Referent L Dilkes.

Sunday service provides mass appeal at Saltergate

unday is coming to life wearly. A small queue forms outside the launderette, dogs are walked on scrubby expanses of grass, people leave shops carrying loaves and milk.

Sunday morning in Chesterfield is much like Sunday morning anywhere in provincial England. It is a halfasleep time. The curtains are drawn and the streets not yet aired. Almost 7,000 Sundays have passed in this way since the formation of Chesterfield Town FC in 1866. Yesterday there were pertinent hints that Sunday March 9, 1997, was going to be different. Very different. The young man at the entrance to Chesterfield Baptist Church's car park was looking anxious. He danced from foot to foot and held up his arm to stop the flow of z traffic.

"Sorry about this," he said. 'Are you church or football?" s If the answer was the latter, there was no more room — the true believers were short of

parking space. Middle-aged men, their faces drawn and tired, solicited at the approach to every turnstile. "Got a spare ticket, mate?" These were not touts. They were too earnest. Too

caught out by the wave of glamour that had made tickets as scarce as churches with crooked spires.

Inside Saltergate there was further evidence of the uniqueness of the day. The numbers gave the game away four mascots, four programmes sponsors, and three match sponsors.

Before the teams took to the pitch the Chesterfield club song, recorded to celebrate their FA Cup run, was played. There is a facit ruling that a dub's success shall be proportional to the ghastliness of its official song. If the Wrexham team had heard We Can Build Our Dreams they might have barricaded themselves into their dressingroom, such was its simpering hanality.

Much had been made of two teams from the Nationwide League second division reaching an FA Cup quarterfinal, but this was, in fact, a game typical of the division from which it would usually emanate.

Wrexham were by far the better side in the first half and suggested they would be the more becoming ambassadors of their division. Their football was neat and thoughtful haunted. They were fans and for a good while beyond Mark Hodkinson on the uplifting nature of Chesterfield's 1-0 win over Wrexham

the ken of Chesterfield's blood-and-thunder approach. Ward, in midfield was particularly outstanding, piecing moves together from just beyond the centre circle, but for Wrexham's possession. they did not create any gilded

Chesterfield. though they will be much romanticised in the coming weeks, play it rough. Andy Morris is 6ft 5in tall and more than 15 stone in weight. Inevitably, Chesterfield are fond of launching the ball his way and he usually obliges with a knock-down or



Ward, left, Hughes and Russell fail to shake Beaumont off the ball. Photograph: Mike Egerton / Empics

One hopeful lob collided with Morris's shin and bounced into the path of Beaumont. Elbows and knees were set in motion as Beaumont tussled for the ball with Brace. The defender held his territory for a second or two and beseeched his goalkeeper. Marriott, to come arward and collect. Marriott stayed still. Beaumont seized the moment and lifted it over his head. It was, one imagined, the kind of goal that is seen regularly at Saltergate.

Wrexham pressed forward but their play was fractured, made desperate by the situation. Chesterfield fans danced on the rooftops around the ground and the sun broke free of the haze to bathe the small ground. A pitch invasion was almost mandatory and it duly arrived. Players were held aloft, fans jigged on the turf, and it was difficult to remain unmoved by the unbridled joy arriving unexpectedly in a small town in the middle of England.

The draw for the semi-final of the FA Cup will be made later today." the man on the public-address system said. Then, after a short pause, he added, almost as if he were thinking aloud: "It's amazing this, isn't it?"

service with the likes of Rochdale and Stockport County before arriving at Saltergate for £25,000, was persuaded to talk reporters through his goal. It was, clearly, a new experience for him. "I saw that the keeper was in no-man's land and I just lifted it over him." he said. "You can't put it into words how we all feel at the moment. The whole town has just taken off." John Duncan, the Chester-

field manager, was remarkably calm. "One of us had to go through and it was our day today," he said. He was asked about the prospects of facing a team in the semi-final containing individual players worth more than the whole Chesterfield team. "It doesn't matter about the money," he said. "You had II guys today who played for each other and it is a team game. They will treasure today for the rest of their

CHESTERPIELD (4-4-2): B Marcor — J Hewit, M Williams, S Dyche, M Jules — C Padurs, C Beaumont (sub: S Gaughen, 90mm), T Curtis, J Moward — A Morris, P Holland (sub: I Durin, 80) WRECHAM (4.3-3) A Marrote — M McGregor, B Carey, T Humes, D Brazel — B Hughes, P Ward (sub: G Owen, 72), K Russell — M Chalk (sub: G Bennett, 84), K

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Other scores on request. FIRST GOALSCORER 14/1 REDKNAPP (L)

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(O) O LEICESTER Leicester City: K Keller, S Brayson, J Walts, S Walsh, N Elliott, M Lzert, N Lermon, G Parker, S Guppy, E Hesley (sub S Taylor, 51), M Robins (sub: J Lawrence, 60).

(1) 1 EVERTON 32,056



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TODAY Liverpool v Newcastic

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, is likely to recall Bjorn Tore Kvarme ineligible for the Cup Winners' Cup match in Bergen - but Mark Wright's roin strain will keep him out Collymore may be recalled in place of Berger. Ferdinand should be available

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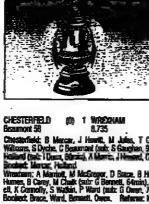
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(7.45); Dower v Staveninge (7.45); Hayes v Famborough (7.45);
Kattering v Alanichem (7.45), Wolding v Weiling (7.45).
BELL'S SCOTTESH LEAGLIE: Premior arvinor: Wirremich v
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Clycle v Queen of Scuth. Third division: Alloa v Interness CT;
Montrose v Roes County. COCA-COLA CUP: 5 Stockport (0) (8.0).

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McWhinnie, of England, attempts a chip over Cope, the Scotland goalkeeper, during England's 6-0 victory at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, yesterday

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Merthyr 5 Gravesend and Northfleet 0.
Salisbury 1 Burton 1; Stlingbourne 2
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MIDLAND DIVISION Bilston 0 Tarmworth 0;
Corby 2 Evectram 2: Grantham 2 Sutton
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NON-LEAGUE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

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Potters Bar 0 Brache Sperta 0, Toddington 2
Biggleswiste 0
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Booth 1 Chimato 1, Chadderon 2
Rossendalo 0: Glosop North End 1
Darwen 1: Hollor Old Boys 0 Eastwood
Hardey 0: Rudegove 1 Athenton Collertos 0;
Mosaley 4 Burscough 0: Precot Cables 1
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Mangotsfield 2 Paulton 1; Therton 1
Methsham 0
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SOUTH BAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Assers 0 Queers Park Rangus; 4; Gilleghan 4 Milwall 1, Luston Orone 1; Fullham I: Norwest 1 Weston 0, Sectioned 4 Charlton 1; Tottenham 2 Ipowich 1, West Ham 2 Portsmouth 0, Second division: Bristo City 2 Crystal Palace 4 Bristo Rouse; a Bientifica 2, Colchester 6 Bournmouth 0, Luston 2 Wycombo 1; Ordons 3 Swindon 2, Reading 3 Brighton 5, Southamplan 1 Bernal 0, SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Oil Parmitters 1 South Bank Poly 1, NatiWest Benk 1 East Barnet OG 2, Pulysechnic 0 Old Actionisms 3: Couch End Varightes 2 Call Service 2; Moseman 0 West Wichtern 1, Old Esthamplans 0 Gandhellon 1.

POOLS CHECK

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ISSLT'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE? Permier division; Aberdeen v Dunde United Hearts v Hiberman; Kithampuck v Motherwell. Reith v Durdemine. First division; Auther Pedist; Clydebank v Bether of Permies of Verber Chester v Retention of Motherwell. Heonestort; Welling v Kiddeminister; Wolling v Staytmice.
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen
Dundee United; Hearts v Hiberman; Kithnasnock v Motterwell
Reith v Dundee v St. Johnstone; St. Mirren v Greenock Morton
Stirling v East File. Second division: Benact v Langston
Brohm v Cyde: Queen of South v Hamilton, Sterifessers.in
Dumbanton: Sternmen v Ayr. Third division: Abon v Queen's
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A CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chaises v Sunderland (4 G) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: West Branded Berningham (2.10), Second division: "Bristol Rovers v Bri Oty (1.0), Third division: Leyton Onent v Futhers (12.0) BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE Premier division: Celic Ranges.

OVERSEAS

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GERMAN LEAGUE Folding: Hamsa Ros nock 0 FC Cologne 0; Vil. Bostom Schelke 04 1. Saturday: SC Feeting

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UHUSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Sourne 1 Food Spots 2 Desborough 2 Wootten 1: Holbeach 0 Eynesbury 1; Long Buddby 3 Stamford 0; Newport Pagnel 0 Cogenhoe 0; Northampton Sporner 2 Boston 2: Porton 2 Wellingborough 2: Spalding 0 Sotiold 0
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division: Eastbouse Town 4 Arundal 1;
Hassocks 4 Southwick 1; Langney Sports 0
Horsham YMCA 3; Mile Oak 2 Haistram 2
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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH:
England 6 Scotland 9 (at Bramall Lane).
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Frustrated Norwich fall foul of Aspin

Norwich City

BY DAVID MILLER

PORT Vale's persistent form away from home with a 4-5-I formation has put them close to the play-off positions for promotion to the FA Carling Premiership, On Saturday they held Norwich City at Carrow Road, yet were fortunate that neither referee nor linesmen saw any of the halfdozen offences committed by Neil Aspin, the Port Vale captain, that should have resulted in penalties.

Throughout football nowadays, domestic and interna-tional, defenders regularly remain undetected — or, more probably, the offences are ignored because they are so prevalent — when wrestling opponents to prevent them from reaching the ball, usually when some distance away from it. Whenever Norwich had a corner or a free kick within range of the penalty area, Aspin, sinister in appearance with his blond, shaven head and bowed legs, would lock his arms around the waist or chest of either Jackson or Scott, the tall Norwich defenders, when they advanced into the area for the

This shameless infringement may not have affected the result of a match that Norwich dominated territorially but seldom tactically. In every other respect, Vale were worthy of their draw, which gave them four points from two meetings with Norwich, now lying fifth in the Nationwide League first division. four points ahead of Vale, who are two places off a play-off

Although Vale have won seven and drawn six of 19 away matches, their aggregate

xamining the entrails of a chicken can make a mess of the

casting yarrow stalks carries

regrettable echoes of the kaf-

tans and love-beads of the

1960s. Even so, the craving for

a peek at the future is hard to

eradicate. For a football man-

ager, the Tennents Scottish

Cup is rich territory in which

A tie in a knockout tourna-

ment may try a team severely

and so measure its prospects.

Alex McLeish is accordingly

left to hope that the quarter-

final at Tannadice on Saturday was giving a faulty reading. The 4-1 defeat by

Dundee United did suggest

that he is in charge of a wan

dispiriting, but it also raised

questions over the resolve that

Motherwell will carry into the

final weeks of the Bell's Scot-

tish League premier division

season. The Lanarkshire club

is unlikely to be last, but it

must also veer away from

ninth place and the relegation

After the match with United,

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ing for Borussia Dortmund in

an impression at Twente En-schede, but while hearts may

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balance was not expanded at

either man and Motherwell do

not have the means to replace

their expertise. At present,

though, there are counterparts

who regard with glee the

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goals home and away reflect goals nome and away reflect their cautious formation. To-gether with Norwich, they have the lowest goal difference among the leading eight clubs. John Rudge, the Vale man-ager for 13 seasons, has achieved much at such a low-budget club and it will be

budget club and it will be a pity if the sale of Guppy to Leicester City for £850,000 robs him and the club of a chance in the play-offs. Rudge is one of those relatively unsung managers, such as Jim Smith, and, in earlier days, Dave Bowen and Jimmy Sirrel, who pour an ocean of intelligence into the lower divisions for scant reward. Rudge is within arm's length of lifting Vale from bottom division to top, as did Bowen with Northampton Town.

Part of the success is based on width, that too often ignored principle that Guppy and McCarthy exploited so tellingly. Koordes, from Telstar, in Holland, is still finding his feet after two matches as Guppy's replacement, but McCarthy might have won the match.

Norwich play with a 3-5-2 formation, the useful Scott being a recent acquisition when near-derelict at Tottenham Hotspur. However, Vale repeatedly caught the opposing rearguard square with rapid counter-attacks from midfield, and misjudgments by Marshall in goal should have given Vale the lead and did bring them the equaliser. Marshall, acclaimed by the Norwich public, recently replaced the long-serving Gunn.

Early on, one of Norwich's quick inter-passing moves foundered and Talbot swept the ball across field to McCarthy, who raced clear. Marshall advanced late to a ball that he would never reach and Mc-Carthy's lob flew just wide of

Motherwell face

test of resolve



Jackson celebrates after giving Norwich the lead at Carrow Road on Saturday

constantly unnerved Vale, forced a corner on the left. Rocastle's inswinger was headed home on the near post by Jackson, with Aspin's arms or once absent.

When Aspin did haul Fleck to the ground at a free kick not long afterwards, Jackson somehow shot over the bar from five yards. Two minutes later Marshall once more advanced ill-advisedly, this

from the astute Bogie, but McCarthy's shot was accurate.

Although the finishing by both teams left a lot to be desired, the quality of the play was commendable throughout. Vale showed themselves able to match Norwich for sophistication early on and stifle the home team with more physical challenges as

in the second half. Mike Walker, after his abortive sortie to Goodison Park, is once again producing a side at Carrow Road that is pleasing on the eye for those looking for

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Taricco: outstanding

under needless pressure as Stoke staged a late rally, but Mowbray, the Ipswich club captain, returning to the centre of defence after long spells of injury, was

nspirational. "It was nice to be back," he admitted. "I'm a footballer and I've missed Saturday afternoons. You want to play, but the team's doing well and there was no reason to change it. So well, in fact, that lpswich, unbeaten in ten games, look a good bet for a play-off place, as Macari acknowledged.

"They've always been regarded as a good team, but they've taken a while to catch fire," he said. And Stoke? Things weren't going right for us today, but sometimes you have to make things go for you, which we did not do." Finally, a word for the referee, whose willingness to let play flow made for an

entertaining game, even if the Stoke supporters did not like the fact that it flowed in favour of Ipswich. But then if a man named Wolstenholme cannot be relied on to set the tone, who can?

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Kettering, after all. had

BY RICHARD HOBSON

commentary change in the contract system. Dundee United, too, will find themselves plundered one day, but for the moment there is only the joy of knowing that two of their three Scandinavian signings, Lars Zetterlund and Erik Pedersen, cost nothing. With their arrival, experi-

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Scottish

ence has been embedded in the team, but the truckling before foreigners can be overdone. On Saturday, three of the United goals came from yourger, Scottish players, Andy McLaren and Robbie Winters, who have been schooled at Tannadice. Tommy McLean's side, with 12 victories and two draws in its past 14 matches, is the autcome of convergence.

McLeish observed that Moth-By separate routes, these footerwell had given a Jekyll and ballers have arrived at a Hyde performance and it may common effectiveness. seem that the facts endorse his opinion, since the first half clean is cumning, goalless. In reality, though, his players were never but chance too has W worked in his facapable of poise or menace vour. A defender such as and their resistance petered Steven Pressley may simply out long before the end. In its hairy-handed lack of have reached an age when he can draw conclusions from his refinement, Motherwell's afexperiences. With Rangers, he ternoon was entirely the work appeared in some important of Mr Hyde. It is not so long

since this club was regarded no longer required there was a as a model of frugal sophistimove to Coventry City. cation and the team finished At Highfield Road, the second in the league as recentcentre half again failed to make himself indispensable, if Motherwell now look anaemic, the explanation is but being forgotten at Tannadice gave him privacy hardly elusive. The Bosman in which to mature and it is ruling has bled them with the possible once more to think of zeal of an 18th-century quack. They might be pleased by the him as a Scotland international of the future. Some transforsight of Paul Lambert appear-

mations are even quicker. Falkirk defeated Raith Rovers 2-0 on Saturday and vaulted from the first division into the last four of the cup. They are joined in the draw today by Kilmarnock, 5-2 winners at Morton. In beating Rangers on Thursday, however, Celtic were first to reach the semi-finals and it is now expected that they will still be ahead of all rivals at the very end of this tournament.

games and even when he was

Kilcline in an old spin

Mansfield Town.. Cardiff City ...

THOSE with the task of

finding exhibits for the new National Museum of Football in Preston should have been at Field Mill on Saturday. Brian Kilcline, of Mansfield Town, must be preserved as an example of a type of player becoming extinct as the game adapts to European trends.

Gone are the days when every side had such a "killer". a big, burly stopper with a fearsome glare and granite forehead guaranteed to win everything in the air and not worried about the finer techniques of passing. Modern hatcheries breed defenders with a lower centre of gravity who can turn quickly.

Times change, as Kilcline

may well have reflected as Simon Haworth, with his back to goal, spun through 180° to commit the surprised defender, who looked like a congenial cartoon giant who had lost sight of the child he was supposed to be protect-ing. He just about turned in time to see Haworth cross to the far post, where Carl Dale, a substitute, headed in unmarked after 76 minutes to seal victory.

At 34, Kildine, is a footballing W. G. Grace. Less is known of 19-year-old Haworth, but that may change. Kenny Hibbitt, the Cardiff director of football. speaks proudly of the number of scouts watching his side. "We do not want to sell our best players," he said. "But equally I would be delighted if they went on to better things."

Victory ensured that Cardiff remain seventh, the final playoff place, in the Nationwide League third division. Haworth put them ahead in the 29th minute when he met a through-ball from Craig Middleton with a precise flick. Warren Hackett equalised after 54 minutes but Gareth Stoker's shot restored the lead um minutes later.

MANSRELD TOWN (3-5-2). I Bonding — B Kicline, S Eustace, W Hacker — T Ford, B Sedgemore (sats. J Walker. "Kirmin." J Doolen, D Clarke, S Harper — I Christie. S Hadley (sats: S Wood, 83)

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Cardiff put | Docherty reviving Millwall's spirit

Luton Town ... Milwall

BY PAT GIBSON

JOHN DOCHERTY was not

planning to return to the game. In his middle fifties, with a stroke already behind him, he did not need the hassle. The golf course was more inviting. Then Millwall called. They

remembered him as the manager who led them into the old first division in 1987-88 and. with the club EIO million in debt, shares suspended at a derisory 4p and the administrators called in, they thought he was the man to see them through the crisis.

It looks as though they were right. Four wins and a draw later, Millwall are now level on points with Luton Town in second place in the Nationwide League second division and potential investors are beginning to show interest.

Not that Docherty concerns himself with the financial side of the equation. "The players have got to put that to the back of their minds," he said. "And so do 1. They are professional footballers and they owe it to themselves to go out and earn their living and prove that they can play in the face of any adversity. That is what they are doing for me."

The spirit, the will to win. which was palpably lacking when they were losing six of their last seven games under the departed Jimmy Nicoll, was there for all to see at Kenilworth Road as they withstood everything Luton threw at them and then won the game with two superbly taken

Docherty, who had been out of League football since leaving Bradford City more than five years ago, would not have come back for any other club. "Bu Millwall have got a special place in the old heart," he said. "What I missed was the relationships and the rapport you get from being with players on a day-to-day basis, passing on your knowledge and seeing them respond."

"Not our day is the phrase that spings to mind," Lennie Lawrence, the Luton manager, said, reasonably enough. Although without James from the 25th minute — he was sent off for a second bookable offence - Luton still contrived to hit the woodwork four times and have two more efforts cleared off the line.

And how they are responding.

None of that, however should detract from Millwall's resilience or the quality of their goals, the first exquisitely curled in by Dolby from a free kick in the 78th minute, the second flashed past Feuer by Hartley two minutes from

LUTON TOWN (4-4-2) I Feuer — D Panerson, S Devis, M Johnson, J James — G Alexander, G Waddock (sub. P McLaren, 80mm), C Hughes (sub. D Marshal), 83), P Showler — D Oktheld (sub. K Grant, 80), A Thorpe.

MiLLWALL (4-4-2)* T Carter — L Nell. A Winer, A McLeany, G Berry — P Harrley, M Doyle, D Savage, S Roche (sub: Fl Sadier, 54) — S Crewford, A Dolby

Ipswich are Coppell keeps cool as Palace nerves shatter

Charlton Athletic. Crystal Palace ...

By Russell Kempson BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

inspired

by Taricco's

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Stoke City.

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As Stoke's confidence ebbed, Ipswich dominated, Stoke's

winning every tackle and

claiming every loose ball. Taricco, their outstanding

slayer, gave an exemplar

play. The Argentinian was

sure in defence and went forward to telling effect, nota-

bly when his cross found Milton, whose well-judged lob was headed off the line by

Failure to add to their lead

despite two efforts from Scowcroft, well saved by Muggieton, put Ipswich

STEVE COPPELL survived only 33 days at Manchester IT COULD have been the City before leaving, an apparently tortured soul, for reasons worst of times to assess the credentials of Ipswich Town, who were without four key of a darkly psychological naplayers for a tricky away ture. A few more displays similar to that on Saturday, game against a team only one when his Crystal Palace side succumbed meekly to Charl-In the event it was the best of times, as they overcame the ton Athletic at The Valley, and he could conceivably set another short-stay record. absences with ease to move into sixth place in the Nation-

Outwardly, at least, Coppell wide League first division retained a calm manner, as after a more commanding Palace huffed and puffed their "A good performance," way to defeat. He leant on the visitors' dug out or perched George Burley, the Ipswich manager, said. "We played inside, chewing gum and contemplating, as Ray Lewington. his first-team coach, regularly worked himself into a lather. some nice football and deserved the three points. Yes, we had four players out, but I Only rarely did Coppell show don't think it showed; others any emotion.

came in and did well. If we Inwardly, after little more get any more injuries, we'll be than a week and three matchstretched, but we're moving es back in management, up the league nicely."
The goal, in the seventh minute, was, oddly, one of the few moments when Ipswich Coppell must have been seething - at Palace's poor finishing, lack of imagination and general apathy. At the after-match inquest, still contem-plating, still chewing, he maintained a dignified stance. did not look completely in control. Vaughan seemed surorised when Sonner's free kick reached him, but not as Though Palace had slipped surprised as the Stoke defendfrom the Nationwide League ers when his prod at goal first division play-off places, found Taricco, in splendid he showed no signs of postisolation, side-footing the ball traumatic stress.

Palace had beaten Oxford United 4-1 away, drawn at home to Bolton Wanderers, the runaway leaders, having been denied victory only by a last-minute equaliser, and lost to Charlton, their southeast London rivals. About par for the course; nothing to get too excited about."We were second best from the first whistle," Coppell said. "Chariton were quicker to the ball, anticipated better and de-

served their victory. "We've had three games in a week and possibly gone through the whole spectrum of what we are capable of. We've

got 11 matches left and cannot afford too many more defeats. We have to got to be more resilient, more combative, when we are not playing well."
Palace did not play well,

apart from intermittent bursts from the abrasive Hopkin in midfield and persistent Dyer

Charlton, led by the irreressible Robinson, thoroughly merited their first success gainst Palace in 11 years.

We always seem to do all right against them but never win," Alan Curbishley, the Charlton manager, said. Quite honestly, I wouldn't have minded a scrappy 1-0 victory thanks to a controversial penalty and having played rubbish. The win was sweet, though, and sweeter because

of the way we performed." Charlton went ahead through Lee, on loan from Nottingham Forest, in the 55th minute; he met Robinson's free kick with a firm nod of his now pineapple-less head. Six

Brighton and Leyton Orient could be hauled before the Football Association after crowd trouble at the Gold-stone Ground on Saturday. Nationwide League third division match was held up for four minutes in the second half when home supporters ran onto the pitch and one allegedly at-tacked Scott McGleish after he had scored for Orient in the 4-4 draw. The FA has promised to investigate alleged incitement from the Orient players.

minutes later Palace equalised from a replica set-piece when Dyer glanced in a free kick from Roberts.

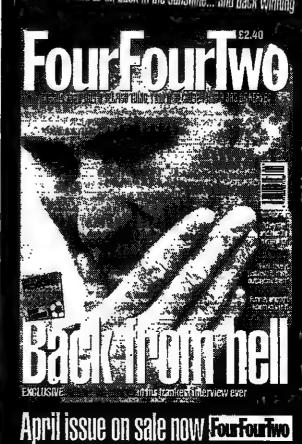
Another nine minutes on, Charlton settled it. O'Connell's lob hit the junction of post and crossbar, as Nash watched, and Robinson thumped in the rebound under the still transfixed goalkeeper. Not quite bad enough for Coppell to call it a day but who knows what lurks be-neath the Palace manager's serene exterior?

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Tuttle (sub: R Quirn, 12mm), M Edwarthy, A
Linighan — K Muscall, D Hopken, A Roberts
D Gordon — B Dyer, N Shipperley (sub: C
Veart, 74), D Freedman (sub: G Ndah, 74)

Now I've got

Phil and Gary Neville on what's best for Man United



Rushden give Talbot flying start vious week as coach to Roger up to put away the fifth to

Rushden and Diamonds 5

By Walter Gammie

IF RUSHDEN and Diamonds manage to climb out of the relegation places in the Vauxhall Conference, they will look back fondly to the day they walloped their local rivals on their own patch before a 4,628 crowd as the turning-

point. The victory also marked a notable return to Rockingham Road for Brian Talbot, the former Kenering manager, in his first match in charge of Rushden.

ond and Butterworth galloped Talbot had arrived the pre-

Ashby but took over the first complete an unexpected rout. team last week, with Ashby moving up to the post of director of football. Carl Alford and David

Leworthy. renowned Conference goalscorers, made a handsome contribution to Talbot's dream start. Alford headed in Leworthy's cross in the seventh minute, Leworthy power up front. Their lone scored the crucial third after goal was stabbed in by Pearson in the 43rd minute. 63 minutes, catching Shoemake napping with a 35-yard lob from the left touchline, and raced away to dispatch the fourth in the 81st minute. Hackett had angled in a drive

enjoyed a seven-match unbeaten run but they missed the comforting presence of Billy Turley, the on-loan goalkeeper recalled by Northampton Town, had a squad reduced to bare bones and lacked their opponents' heavyweight fire-

ICETTERING TOWN (2-1-2) K Streaming-R Marshall, C Gaurit, F Nugerit — T Mustata jeub L Dudfleid, 72mm), S Berry (sub; P Mise, 81), C Norman, J March — A Lynch — C Pearson, N Lyne PLISHOEN AND DIAMONOS (4-4-2) N Davies — S Hodson, A Peaks, J Rodwell, A Cramman — J Capone, S Stoff (sub S Stapleton, 87), G Butterworth, B Hackett — C Altord (sub: D Collins, 68), D Laworthy from Marshall's misdirected clearance for Rushden's sec-

Relative A 1964.

RACING: CHAMPION HURDLER DELIGHTS TRAINER AS BIG DAY APPROACHES

Collier Bay revels in Old routine

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

JIM OLD steered Collier Bay up the stiff all-weather incline to the top of the Wiltshire Downs yesterday and then gave the Champion Hurdle favourite the kind of workout which makes two miles round ' Cheltenham resemble a prerace stroll in the parade ring.

A half-mile up the Valley of Skulls and five furlongs along Rabbit Valley, were followed by three furlongs up the aptly named Steep Chalk and a final climb in Monument Field. Enough to finish some horses, but not the favourite

David Nicholson, who was forced to withdraw Relkeel from tomorrow's Champion Hurdle because of injury. yesterday confirmed that he will now be represented by Sanmartino. Richard Dunwoody takes the ride.

for tomorrow's Champion Hurdle. "We have never won big races unless they have had the full treatment and he's been getting the full treatment since Towcester." And loving

Unlike 12 months ago, when Old had the devil's own job getting Collier Bay ready for Cheltenham after a shattering race in Ireland, the past few weeks could not have gone better. "I have done him right this year," the trainer said. "Since ten days before his Towcester race I would not have wanted to change very much. Everything has gone perfect since Towcester. I cannot do any more."

The horse is spot-on, but Old's troubles were far from over yesterday lunchtime as he climbed into the midnight



Sturt, left, and Old have plenty to discuss as they walk the Cheltenham course before Collier Bay's title defence

trainer reasoned.

loving champion?

use of the hosepipe have helped remove the word firm

from the going description

which has plagued Chelten-ham this winter. But Old is

still nervous. Will the ground

be soft enough for their mud-

t represents the ultimate

sporting paradox. For

three days the nation

wildly indulges what it shuns

for the rest of the year as one of the most popular sporting

occasions erupts from one of the least celebrated of sports.

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cioned. In a magical escalator

ride. Cheltenham projects jump racing from the base-

ment's darkest bowels to the

splendour of the penthouse

tional pendulum are equally

dramatic. There are enough

championship races to sub-

tain a week-long attraction

without diluting anything

Cheltenham spawns a form

blue Mercedes belonging to Wally Sturt, owner of Collier Bay, and headed towards Cheltenham. The pre-Festival inspection of the course has become something of a ritual for the pair and stems back to the days of Cima, runner-up to the mighty Dawn Run, and Mole Board, beaten less than five lengths in the Champion Hurdle on three separate occa-

As they left Cirencester behind and began the descent towards the home of jump racing, Old rued his recent

run of bad luck. During the past eight days there have been six seconds, five of them beaten in photo-finishes, and two horses unseated when they were about to win - not to mention four horses injured, including Juyush. "Wally thinks we are getting the

RICHARD EVANS

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4 2-1P COUSTING DONNA 16P (D.E.S. Mr. 9 Hopkurs 11-12-1 J Julius (5)
5 DSSP ARTIFUL ARTHUR 132 (G) L Grassick 11-12-5 ... J Grassick (7)
5 2P4- MOS CHRISTER 336P Mrs J Marsh 11-12-5 ... Miss F Wilson (7)
7 IF-1 RASTINE BOY 15P (5) Miss S Clarke 9-12-5 ... A Persona (5)
8 154- FULL ARTHUR 337P (G.5) Miss S Young 9-12-0 Miss 8 Young (7)

5.00 WIDCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

1 4801 BLADE OF FORTLINE 12 (CD,S) V Granton 9-11-13

4.30 SOMERSET HUNTERS CHASE

(Amaleurs: £1,040: 3m) (8)

(£2,250: 2m 3f 110yd) (14)

A drying wind and warm Nap: CHURCH LAW sunshine were doing their best (3.50 Stratford) to negate the effect of two hosepipes as Old and Sturt Next best: Nipper Reed approached the first flight of (4.10 Plumpton)

bad luck out of the way," the hurdles down the back straight. Old muttered: he was not happy. "Look at that," he More than three inches of rain in February and a liberal exclaimed, pointing to bare

> the sentence is unprintable. His mobile phone rang. Thank God they have watered, that's all I can say," he tells the man from the Racing Post. "It is no more or less than I expected. He's got to run but it is not ideal. This ground shouldn't injure him.

patches of earth. The rest of

but it won't help him." Reg Lomas, the much respected groundsman brought

Raising the stakes for

a national celebration

he was derided. His crime?

Well, his performance sug-

gested he was short of the

requisite stamina for the

Cheitenham Gold Cup. The

King George, the most covet-

ed prize outside Cheltenham.

was dismissed as an irrele-

One shudders to contem-

plate jump racing's place on

JULIAN :

MUSCAT

vant trial.

ber as criticism of their track mounted, wandered over. After pushing in a walking stick at least six inches into the ground, he offered reassurance. There is moisture the whole way down. It will ride much better."

Old was far from convinced. but remained diplomatic. Heading downhill towards the second-last flight of hur-



Richard Dunwoody looks ahead to the Cheltenham Festival

dles, where the ground seems best of all, the mobile phone rang once more. "Cheltenham have done as well as they can but it is not ideal for us. It will give the advantage to the fastground horses, but it is safe.

"It's almost identical to when we came on the Sunday last year: if anything it is slightly better than then but don't forget we then had at least a quarter-inch of rain on the Monday." Sturt was more hopeful. "I think it is all right. There is enough give for the old boy to get his toe in."

Past the last, and faced with the climb to the winning post,

In that respect, two inci-

dents last year have intro-

duced a note of caution. The storming of the winner's en-

closure after Imperial Call's

Gold Cup victory was a spon-

taneous act. It was also dang-

erous in the extreme: one

hopes the added security

summoned by the racecourse serves its purpose. And a repetition of the high rate of

equine attrition — there were

ten casualties last year -

would pose uncomfortable

Otherwise, the contagious,

pre-Festival outbreak of opti-

mism has infected every

punter in the land. Those as

at Cheltenham may help to

Anyone managing to solve the Gold Cup riddle deserves

to usurp Mystic Meg as the

National Lottery's official

clairvoyant. Rarely has the blue riband been so open to

the 20 races this week. Un-

explain its addiction.

STRATFORD

3.50 Church Law 4,20 King's Treasure 4.50 Toby Brown

2.50 Star Performer 3.20 CELESTIAL CHOIR (nep) The Times Private Hendicapper's top rating: 4.50 TOBY BROWN. Carl Evans: 4.20 Orchestral Suite.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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2.20 The Captain's Wish

winner 25 — bezier taxourté et latest sport. Geing ou which tourse has won (f — first, good to form, hard. G — good. S — solt, good to solt, beauty). Owner in brackets. Learner Age and neight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times :

Provide Handicators is saling.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.20 TIP-TOP TIMEFORM RATINGS NOVICES CHASE

SETTINGS: 4-6 Tenem 3-1 The Captain's Mich, 6-1 Best DI Strends, 10-1 No Many, 12-1 Mr Strapple, 20-1 Table Asset, 25-5 control

1998: SCHIC STAR 7-15-12 A Manure 19-41 O Micholson & un

FORM FOCUS

Em) Det 95. MR SNAGELE about 61 3rd of 10 in Victor Brave of bandicap teards at Footback (2er 81-110yd, good in firm). Det 96. THE CAPTAIN'S WISH about 21 3rd of 7 to Arter Moles in some classe at Sandown (2ro 4f 110yd, good). TOTAL ASSET 1991 4th of 7 to Multigart in nowace chase at Change (2m, good).

Scientific TERNEN. SET. DACTIC REP III Strut 15 in United Out in motor frontiero chape at Evetex (Om 11 110yd, good to

2.50 RICHARDSON PARKWAY SELLING HURDLE

04.1513 ALPHAYS ESTEEMER 84 (67) (P. Hongston) J. Martins 6-11-8.

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1996: CHANCEY FELLA S-11-6 A P McCov (7-2) H Haynes I1 cm

FORM FOCUS

ALVIAYS GREENER bass Dragonius ooch in 13-canor zeling novce hande at Uboreto IZM 41 110yd, goodi penuthmate start. STAR PERFOR-NSR 1212 zel ol 13 to Shallour River in novceu-turdie at Sectorbial IZM 31 110yd, poodi. Alavist. HE MATTLEHAR BRAILE ZVM 30 of 15 to Molton. Masser vs. Heritogdon selling hardle (Zm 110yd.

good to soft) YELLOW DRAGON heat Chacalate for 91 in 10-terror Folkasions selling hundle (2m 11 10yd, soft). RAVERBANK ROSE 35-1 3rd of 19 in Sousse in Dorcaster selling herde (2m 110yd, good). ROC ASE 423 7th of 15 to Chacalantals in nonce hundle at Warrinsk (2m, good to fizer). Selection: YELLOW DRAGON

3.20 MAKE YOUR RACING PAY WITH TIMEFORM HANDICAP HURBLE

1998. ORDOG MOR 7-11-6 () Syme (2-5 tex) M Mospher 6 ran

CELESTIAL CHORN bast Tumpole 2% I in 10-numer testulcap hardle at Newcastle (2m 4f. good) with IAATAX 111 4th.

RALLET ROYAL best Siner Sandard 2% I in 11-numer conditional handleap hundle at Worcester (2m 4f. good). BOLDMIGO beat Thomion Sate 1% I is 8-numer landicap burdle at Warneth (2m, good) on persultimate start, with KINO'S CROSS (10th

3.50 56 YEARS OF TIMEFORM HANDICAP CHASE

SETTIMES: 6-4 Markes Cream, 7-2 Assaud The Horn, 9-2 No Para No Gaio, 8-1 Pyr Four, Church Live, 14-1 Light

1996: STATELY HOME 5-10-10 R Johnson (11-8) P Bower 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARDUND THE HORN 9½1 4th of 8 to Lord Darcel in handicap chase at Donaccier (2m 110yd, good) on passibress dark PYY (OUT) distance 5th of 5 to Many Sale in knied handicap chase at Leopardstown (3m 3, good to yelding) LISHT VENEER 101 3rd of 7 to Her Honour in limited handicap handicap chase at Leopardstown (3m 3rd of 4 to 100 Plush in 100 Plu

4.20 CREDIT CALL CUP

(Novices hunter chase, amaleurs: £1,943; 3m) (13 runners) SECS Number Chase, armaleurs: £1,943: 3(1) (13 numbers)

\$22111- KING'S TREASURE 297 (CD.F.G.S) (Tunnel Vision) (Badding 8-12-10 A Badding (7) (III)

P0115-1 PREDUE FOX 36P (F.G.S) (Mr. A Garton) Mr. A Garton 11-12-6 T Barton (7) 70

27-1 ORDONESTRUL SURFE 22 (F.G.S) (Mr. S A Garton) Mr. A Garton 11-12-6 T Barton (7) 70

27-1 ORDONESTRUL SURFE 22 (F.G.S) (Mr. S Demon) Bright Prigonon Holz F Hubsty (7) 82

APPER BABOUT HER 287 (F.G.) ORL: J Thermorel B Theoremore 10-12-3 S Time-Robin (8) 79

4:32- BARDOTS HER 287 (F.G.) ORL: J Theoremore B Theoremore 10-12-3 S Time-Robin (8) 79

4:35- BARDOTS HER 287 (F.G.) ORL: J Theoremore B Theoremore 10-12-3 S Time-Robin (8) 70

27-P4 NOT MY LINE 28 (P Candwell) A Morgan 8-12-3 R Summers (5) 71

11-72 RAMBELING LIDED 39* (6) (6) S firth (9 G. Sint) 9-12-3 G J Smith (7) 2

28-91 PROFILE SAP (7) (A Barbley Mr.S S Babet 10-12-3 G Sincition (7) 80

48-91 PROFILE BARON SP (F.G.) (P Canto) K Corongs 9-12-3 Mr. J Tunnelson (7) 77

48-92 PROMISSING SP (5) (Mr. S Hardenss) Mr. J Webbar 5-11-7 R Waldery (7) 78

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-88-92 PROMISSING SP (7) (Mr. S BETTING. 4-6 King's Tecanine, 9-2 Orchestral Suite, 6-1 Royal Suges, 8-1 Produce Fox, 12-1 Bason's Herr, 16-1 Tangle Bason, 20-1 other;

1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

IGNES'S TREASURE beat Jumbeau 11/21 in 10numer hunter chase over crows and distance igood to limit) eith BARON'S MERR 92 2nd of 16 to Expressioned in marken hunter chase at HereFOX beat Howarys Hord to from ORCHESTRAL ,
SURTE beat Lurings Gifter 31/21 for 10-luring hunter hunter chase at Huntingdon (3m. good to soil) ROYAL SEGOS beat for Michael 41 in point-to-point at Easte Huntingdon (3m. good to soil) ROYAL SEGOS beat for Michael 41 in point-to-point at Easte Huntingdon (3m. good to soil)
Selection: KING'S TREASURE

4.50 BET-COMPELLING TIMEFORM COMMENTARIES NOVICES HURDLE 22. 2m 6l 110yd) (14 runners) 0 ACT N TIME 10 (Mr. 6 McForrent 1 George 3-11-2 P Neven — PP-50 BLUE AND RUTHL 7f (9) (6 Librari V Soute 5-11-2 D Byrne 76 41-5 DUBLIN FREDV 49 (5) Librari V Soute 5-11-2 P Neven — PP-50 BLUE AND RUTHL 7f (9) (6 Librari V Soute 5-11-2 P Neven — PP-50 DUBLIN FREDV 49 (5) Librari V Soute 5-11-2 P Neven — PP-50 DUBLIN 68 (0) (7 Soute 1 Nullians 5-11-2 P Neven — PP-50 DUBLIN 68 (10 Ceptin) N Income 7-11-2 P Resemble — SHALL 12 (M & C Worceste) N Counce 7-11-2 P Neven — SHALL 12 (M & C Worceste) N Texton-Daves 7-11-2 P Neven — SHALL 12 (M & C Worceste) N Texton-Daves 7-11-2 D A McCarby — P THIS TREE LUCKY (6 (D Expine Supplies LUM) N Invision-Daves 7-11-2 D Sardogradur 9 DR-DUBLIN (M C Carbon Run) M Compton 7-11-2 D Sardogradur 9 DR-DUBLIN (M C Carbon Run) M Compton 7-11-2 D Sardogradur 9 DR-DUBLIN (M C Carbon Run) M Compton 7-11-2 D Sardogradur 9 DR-DUBLIN MORN 17 (S Approxil) J Witcon 7-10-11 P Hentry — Ramon 7-1 DB-P BROWN 18 (N Sarbogn M C N DB-P

BETTIMES 3-1 Telay Blamm, 7-2 Mathies, 9-2 Dubbles Frenchy, 6-1 Little Lake, 8-1 Sun Of Spring, 10-1 Justifum, 12-1

1996 JENZSOPH 5-11-6 O J P. Avenueph (11-4) P. Hobbs 3 ran FORM FOCUS

BLUE AND ROYAL 25I 5th of 9 to Resist Re-Force on nonce huntle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to fam)

DUBLIN FREDOY heat Indian Tracker 131 in 14rumon AN Ital at I concestin (2m, hoavy) Feb 96

LITTLE MAKE 1942 2nd of 110 to Middes in NN Ital at I Marker Resen (2m 16 100) to Midde in NN Ital at I Marker Resen (2m 16 100) to Midde in NN Ital at I Marker Resen (2m 16 110yd, good)

Mo Selection

COURSE SPECIALISTS THAINERS JOCKEYS

Cheltenham after a fall at Naas yesterday. Carberry was able to walk to the weighing-room but later reported a swelling to his left knee causing him some discomfort. The jockey will have

TAUNTON

2.00 Ferwick. 2.30 Shahrari. 3.00 Brecon. 3.30 Lucky Eddie. 4.00 Lord Mills. 4.30 Granville Guest. Lucky Eddie. 4.00 Lord Mi 5.00 Moonlight Escapade. Carl Evans: 4.30 Ragtime Boy.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

2.00 SHEPTON MALLET CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,556: 2m 110yd) (5 numers) 1 4230 LABATA 48 (O.B.S) R Carton 13-12-0 JPOWER (5) 2 U442 FERWICK 18 (C.D.F.O.S) R Hodges 19-10-8. T Descende (3) 3 7950 GMRY 12 G McCourt 7-10-6 H Notices (10) 4 3250 DR POCKET 13 (V.D.F.G.S) R Diction 12-10-3 X Acquire (8) 5 4433 CHRIS'S GLEN 21 (V.F.G.) J Bradley 8-10-9. Michael Bramman 2-1 Farmids, 11-4 Chris's Glen, 3-1 Dr Rocket, 4-1 Laste, 12-1 Blayy

2.30 MELODY MAN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP

HURDLE (£2,243: 2m 3/ 110yd) (7) 1 P803 SHAHRANG 3 (8,0,5,6) M Pipe 6-11-10 J Evene
2 /00- FROWN 359 (20,5) P Bores 7-11-2 M A Rispersid
3 1220 DESERT FORCE 11 (0,9,6,7,0,5) G Flora 5-10-11 R Farrant
4 P400 MBSS MARGOLD 11 (8,02,6) R Hodges 2-10-11 T Describe (3)
5 3232 FORMANAYS 7 (4) S McCoret 5-10-10 R Hodges (7)
6 38-0 SHEEP STEALER 82 (7,6) R Prescrib 9-10-5 Chris Webb (5)
7 0P80 CONCRETTY 4 B Sorven 8-10-0 M Griffite (7) 6-4 Fontaneys 9-4 Shahrani, 7-1 Sheep Steeler, Desert Force, 8-1 others

3.00 MARCH SELLING HURDLE

(£1,889: 2m 1f) (13) POOD DENOMINATION 12 (P) M Pipe 5-12-2 0203 A 8 JN 5 0 0'Heli 6-11-2 PPF KIRSY MOORSIDE 9 D Minty 6-11-2 0 MAC'SHYLINCLE 18 R Rost 6-11-2 1 0 MACSIMPUNCLE HB R Foot 6-11-2
1 060- MOJARA 469F Mies N. George 6-11-2
5 PD RIENY FOOTISTEE'S 28 C Popham 5-10-11
7 00P MISS RIGHT OWN, 48 R Frost 6-10-11.
9 4 65 FOOTISTEE'S 28 D Popham 5-10-11
10 8 RECON 34 W Mater 4-10-8
10 8 RECON 34 W MATE 7-2 A S Jim, 5-1 Paylion, Bracan, 6-1 Denomination, Hawarata, 8-1 piless.

3.30 ROYAL BATH & WEST NOVICES CHASE (£3,355: 2m 3f) (4)

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Sandown Park

RACELINE STRATFORD 101 201 PLUMPTON 102 202 TAUNTON 103 203

a year, and the fee is refunded.

4.05 (2m 110yd holle) 1 Ceritio Brigante (J Osbornt, 16-1: Thunderer's nap), 2, Doctoo (3-1 tax), 3, Express Git (20-1), 4, Lady Dasay (14-1), 18 ran, 3, 11 P Webber Tota C11 00: 52 40, 51 50, 54,10, 52 20 DF, 528 20 Tro

19 09
5.15 (2m 110yd fat) 1, Billy Box (0 Bridgwater, 11-4 tay) 2 Fortunes Flight (25-1) 3, Timely Magic (8-1) 20 rar. NR Boxodino 5 24-1 G McCourt Tote £4 50-£190 £15-00, £4 50, DF £118 40-Toto-£690 00 CSF £56 83

1,50 1, Son Of Anshan (4-6 (av) 2 Crabble 9 Pnde (20-1) 3, Bourbon Dynasty (10-1) 7 ran. 2,20 1, Katajo (9-1) 2, Nicholas Planti (2-1 fav) 3 Celbc Giant (3-1) 6 ran 2.50 1. Cherry Dec (5-2): 2. Swambale (9-4 lax): 3. Kings Lane (10-1), 8 ran 3.25 1 Cocal Lane (7-4): 2 Mr Knowd (9-4): 3. Bold Boss (13-8 Jav): 4 ran. 4.00 1 Ingletonian (100-30) 2, 0= Couture (9-2) 3 Field Of Vision (11-2) Elstion 3-1 tay 8 ran

Wolverhampton

3.45 1. The Happy Fox (3-1 ji-fav); 2. Cretan Gill (3-1 g-fav), 3 Robo Mage (6-1) 7 ran. NR Weel Ees Girl. 4.15 1. Rambo Waltzer (11-1): 2, New Century (11-4 tav): 3, That Morning (9-2) 13 ran 13 ram 4.50 1, Will To Win (5-2 (1-fav), 2, Julia's Retailive (8-1) 3 Qualitair Silver (13-2) Chilling 5-2 (1-fav 9 ran.

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JOCKEYS

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HAMURCAP HUHROILE (\$2,012, 2m 4f) (6)

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the throat. designed to foster competi-7-2 Ranger Strains, 9-2 Dissolve, 6-1 Blade Of Fortune, 7-1 Deumi, 8-1 others tion and it succeeds to remarkable degree. The major-**COURSE SPECIALISTS** ity of horses have forsaken

TRAINERS: Miss H knight, 6 worzers from 30 neinters, 26 7%, P Hobbs, 23 from 103, 22.3%, M Pape, 44 from 301, 21.9%; N Waller, 3 from 14, 21.4%; P Micholis, 9 from 87, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: M Picturds, 7 reguest from 35 rates, 20,8%, M A Fizgerald, 13 from 190, 13 Pb., T Descurable 8 from 72, 11,1%, C Mande, 10 from 90, 10,8%, S Corran, 4 from 37, 10,8% Only qualifiers. 1 2243 AFTER THE ROX 3 (BF.F.G) N Hunter 10-11-2 Mr J Tezard (7)
2 6263 LUCKY BODIE 25 (B.G.) P Hobbs 5-11-2 C Marche
3 6-2U MOZEMO 21 (G) M Pipe 10-11-2 J Evanu
4 PRIP RUSTIC FUERIT 25 L Waring 10-11-2 M Griffons (7)

ELANGERED FIRST TIME, THURSON, 20 Fontansys, Shehrari 5.00 Donny Thrao Stratford: 4.20 Ideal Pariner 4.50 Blue And Royal.

1.55 (2m 4f 110)d chi 1, Archies Cats (Mr J Trice-Robin, 11-2), 2, Mister Main Man (10-11 fan); 3, Bernigs Dasher (5-11 8 ran 2-), 8f J Trice-Robin Tots, 25 60, 21 80, 21 30 DF 52 80 CSF, 29 35 2.25 (2m 110yd hdlet 1, Sounds Like Fun U F 78ey 20-1); 2. Wise King (13-2), 3. Noal Feat (16-1) Huntcane Lamp 2-1 fav (f) 13 ran Sh hd, 171 Mss H Knight, 1504 2.3 90r C5 60, (2-40 12-50 DF £104-30 Tno 5565 60, (255 2.55 (2m) 10yd rider 1, Jove King (Capt D Alers-Hankey 7-2), 2, Kelly Mac (9-2) 3, Iron N Gold (11-2) Colossus O Roads, 15-8 (av gu) 8 rm 3-4, 101 R Buckler Tota, 24-80 £2.50, £3.30 DF £10.90, C3F, £18.13

3.30 (2m cm; 1, Sublime Fellow (M A Fizgerald, 3-1); 2, Julet Jones (7-2); 3, Scottish Barriti (2-1 lav); 6 ran, 81 2+1 N Henderson Tote \$4.00; \$1.80 \$1.70 DF; \$5.80 CSF \$12.16. FULL RESULTS SERVICE 108 5.00 1. Cestle Clear (?-1 tar) 2 Ministrus 15-2), 3. Lord Podgale (2-1) 9 ran

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4.30 1. Kilcolgan (6-1), 2, Ack Me Later (5-4 lav): 3, Farney Glen (7-2), 7 ran

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VISIT TATTERSALLS AND ATTENOTHE SALES.

1,15 1. Potentate (4-1); 2, Kimydom Ol Shades (4-1); 3, Selatan (7-2 tav) 8 rent 1.45 1, Giventime (11-4); 2 Belmont King (11-2); 3, Sputtington (20-1) General Wolfe 5-4 tav 7 ran. 2.15 1. What's The Verdict (13-8 tay). 2. Motoqua (8-1), 3, Break The Rules (11-2) 9

ran 2.45 1. With impunity (2-1), 2. Mystic Isle 15-1), 3. Dunnobs Vice (20-1). Scoreshoet 11-10 lav (f) 6 ran 3.20 1. Shu Gas. (2-1 law). 2. Induence Pedier (9-4). 3. Seattle Alley (11-4). 5 ran 3.50 1. Donipan Colonges (6-1); 2. Court Master (13-2). 3. Benjamin Lancaster (25-1). Indian Arrow 11-8 lav. 7 ran

2.10 1. Sold Frontier 15-11; 2. Bold Effort (9-2) 3 Nura (6-1) Sing With The Band 3-1 lav 9 ran.
2.40 1. Oyrlen (8-11 fax) 2. Wees And See (14-1) 3. Baby Jane (7-1) 9 ran.
3.15 1. Foot Bettallon (3-1); 2. Sabor (6-4 lav) 3, Paler Noster (100-30) 6 ran.

5.25 1. Premier Dence (5-2): 2. Shaker (7-1), 3. Catendula (13-8 tav) 6 ran MR. Ractourse

TRAINERS

PLUMPTON

Chase at Kempton in Decem-

ber. The grey should have been feted when he decimal-

ed the course record. Instead.

2.10 Suranom. 2.40 Angelo's Double. 3.10 Mayb-Mayb. 3.40 Winspit. 4.10 Nipper Reed. 4.40 Vicompt De Valmont. 5.10 Stormy Passage. Carl Evans: 4.40 Vicompt De Valmont.

GOING, GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

2.10 ARDRINGLY NOVICES HURBULE (£2.553: 2m 1f) (11 numers) 5-2 (Sectory, 7-2 Cultura Happe, 5-1 Susanom, 6-1 Baydrosanor, 10-1 Wester Wazand Arcus, 16-1 actors

2.40 correthian-casuals hovices chase

1 2532 LIVELY MAGRIT 13 (BF.G) J Salvest 9-11-9 L Aspell (3) 91
2 3-2F ANSELO'S DOUBLE 8 (BF.G.S) R Buckler 9-11-2 B Power 83
3 0PF4 EAU SO SLOE TO J Poulor 6-11-2 A Diches — 4-7 Angelo's Couble 6-4 Levely Ringlil. 25-1 Eas So Slote 3.10 DOW BUTCHERS CHALLENGE TROPHY

1 51F1 MAYS-MAYS 10 CCU.5) 1 Meale 7-11-10 ... A P MicCoy 96 2 4224 AUGUST TWELFRY 19 (CCU.8F S) D 0 Given 3-11-9 ... BJ Rationaryh (S) 95 3 PPP3 HELLO ME MANN 7 (S) B Lieneshyn 9-11-7 ... Mir J L Dieceshyn 98 4 4412 DO BE WARE 25 (C.F.G.S) / Friech Heyes 7-11-5 ... B Feedon 91 5 4704 SCRPT 10 (F.S.) J Jarkur 6-10-13 ... W MAYSTON 90 5 RS10 KENTAURUS WAY 19 (C.S.) GL WORK 6-10-11 M. Batchelos (F) 18 4-6 Mayb-Mark 5-2 August Tourish, 7-7 Restaurs; 172y 8-1 Script 10-7 Helio. No. May, 12-1 Do Bu Way.

3.40 PHILIP HALL MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

4-5 Rev Player, G-4 Wilesald, 7-1 Galden Cool, 25-1 Regal Alica

5-4 Nelly Mar. 13-8 Hipper Peed. 8-1 Denshap, 18-1 Encire Dents. 14-1 Persan Meste:

5.10 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT **NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: 52,343: 2m 4f) (4)**

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: J Medille, 8 moners from 17 mmers, 47 ft., hirs D Hame, 4 Juan 10, 40 ft., R Bockler, 5 horn 19, 26 3%, 51, Moore, 5 horn 21 23,8%, R Alter, 9 Igan 45, 20 0%, D Brassell, 13 from 69, 18,8%.

yet unfamiliar with the pit-falls will expect to make other than life-expectancy. Distilled, as it is, into three money. Seasoned regulars know better: they accept it is the only event where they can enjoy the process of losing The worth of any race is vast quantities. Psychologists governed by the strength of argue that to get to the bottom competition. Cheitenham is of yourself is a positive and uplifting experience. The cer-tainty of such an experience

Racing countless opportunities to stay fresh and well for Chel-Commentary tenham. The vast majority of their owners will be disap-pointed, but defeat serves only to spur their efforts in For evidence of Cheltenham's all-embracing influence, look no further than One Man's treatment after be landed the King George VI

the sporting ladder without the Cheltenham Festival. Certainly the season has disintegrated under the burden of fast and then frozen ground. Coome Hill's transformation from coarse hunter to bountyhunter has been the only notable feature; but all that will

mass interpretation. They say the Grand National is best resolved by a random stab of the pia, but that unpredictability applies every bit as much to the flagship event of

pale into insignificance come Thursday night — provided wary punters will end up being caught with their trouthe Festival runs smoothly.

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Booking rides is a cutthroat business. Andrew Longmore on a race with few rules

Special agents who must know the form

the action finally rolls tomorrow afternoon, the two men who have done most to shape the Cheltenham Festival this year will sigh with relief and bury their heads in the form for the meetings at Lingfield and Uttoxeter on Saturday, Barring the odd last-minute hitch, their jobs are done, their jockeys installed and only the praise or the recriminations lie ahead. The last two weeks have been a nightmare," Rob-ert Parsons said. "To be honest. I've had enough of Cheltenham."

Parsons is agent for Richard Dunwoody, which makes him public enemy No 1 in the weighing-room. Dunwoody's stature as a jockey and his lust for winners find expression in



Parsons's relentless quest for the best rides. Together they test the allegiance of owners and trainers to their jockeys in a way once considered ungentlemanly. At Cheltenham, when the prizes are so much greater, the competition is cutthroat.

"You can be changing next to someone every day, be perfectly pleasant and know damn well that he's been trying to nick your rides that morning." Jamie Osborne, one of the few top jockeys who does not employ an agent, said. "But it's accepted now. There are a lot more freelance jockeys, so if you don't try to get the rides, someone else

Two weeks ago, Dave Roberts was putting the finishing touches to a handsome Festival portfolio for Adrian Maguire. The following morning he was ringing trainers to offer substitutes after Maguire had been ruled out of Cheltenham for the third year in succession by a broken arm. His rivals

Roberts runs the most forin the country from behind a desk in an elegant town house on the borders of Reigate and Redhill in Surrey. His tally of winners for the season stands at just over 550; he once booked 17 winners in a

Tony McCoy, the champion, Norman Williamson, Richard Johnson and Mick Fitzgerald are all his and an annual phone bill of £7,000 is proof of



Roberts represents a strong team, including McCoy, Maguire, Williamson and Fitzgerald. "You feel responsible for every ride they're on"

the value he gives for his ten

Maguire's injury released a host of prized rides for David Nicholson onto the open market and the task of filling them was complicated by the fact that no one wanted to be seen to profit too hastily from the popular Irishman's mistortune. That night, Roberts rang Nicholson to clear up the rides for the following day. They talked loosely of Cheitenham, but agreed to talk again in more detail the

next day.
The "Duke", as he is universally known, is not someone to be messed with. No amount of badgering will persuade him to change his mind. Just the opposite, in fact. Roberts knew his man and played it cool, which is one of the hidden

But Nicholson acted fast. By 8.30 that night, he had rung Parsons to offer Dunwoody, his former stable jockey, the plum rides on Mulligan in the Guinness Arkle Trophy and Viking Flagship in the Queen Mother Champion Chase. It was not that easy. Dunwoody was committed to riding Celibate for Charlie Mann in the Arkle. Parsons did not have to consult his precious Timeform

ratings nor Dunwoody to know which was the better

ride. He rang Mann. "It was a very difficult situation," Parsons said. "If Charlie had stood his ground and been adament that Richard would not get off his horse,

disappointed, in pretty strong terms, and that was it. I just have to be as diplomatic as possible, but I get some terrible abuse sometimes." The ultimate threat is that a trainer will never use a jockey's services again. Sometimes there is no solution. Choosing to ride

angered the connections of Sound Man, another Durwoody's regular rides. From his isolated cottage in Lambourn, Osborne had also sent an overnight fax to Nich-

olson detailing his own availability and was rewarded with the ride on L'Opera in the

son's No 2 stable jockey. Tony had won on Viking Flagship at Aintree and Norman has ridden winners at the Festival for the owners of Mulligan, but you just have to take it on the chin. I'll never say to a trainer: 'My jockey must ride this', I'll just say 'X is available. You hate to see a jockey fall because next time it could be one of yours, but when you hear a jockey might be out for a week, it's your job to ring up and get on his rides. ring. It's business.
"There aren't many rules.

agent was not so lucky. He

called late at night and re-ceived the full force of the

Duke's notoriously short tem-

per. Roberts was disappointed

not to get McCoy on Viking Flagship and Williamson on

Mulligan, pleased that the

talented Johnson had picked

up some good rides as Nichol-

You've got to be aware of what's going on. Certain trainers won't use certain jockeys and there's no point in ringing them up because you'll just get their backs up. You get to know a trainer's way of doing things. Ninety per cent of people in racing are pretty loyal. If a jockey has won on a spare ride, 95 per cent of the

time it is his ride again next

On those grounds, Parsons's overtures for Strong Promise in the Queen Mother, which Williamson had won on at Ascot, were deemed underhand. "If Richard Dunwoody has not got a ride, he feels in a position to ride anything." Roberts said. "But it's not the way I do it.".

Roberts and Parsons are old rivals. In the 1993-94 season, they primed the guns in the epic duel for the jockeys' title, which Dunwoody finally won by 197 to 194 over Maguire. They have never met, but their respect for each other's professionalism is mutual. When the five-day declarations come out on Prestel at 1.30pm, two phones will be simultaneously lifted in Lambourn and Surrey. It is an obsession,

'I try to be diplomatic but I get some terrible

abuse at times'

which both fuel and neither can quite understand. Parsons usually takes the final decision on which horse Dunwoody should ride. "Then I get rollocked if I get it wrong," he sald. That wrong," he said. That Dunwoody has earned more than £700,000 in prize-money this season, with only Osborne ahead of him on that count, suggests the judgment is sound more often than not. Roberts merely recommends rides. "Because of the risks of jump racing, you feel responsible for every ride they're on. If one of your jockeys falls, the first thing that goes through your mind is 'Should he be riding that? But, in the end, it's their decision."

When Richard Davis was killed after a fall at Southwell, Roberts had to sift the guilt from his sadness. Davis was one of his jockeys, "All the other jockeys rang up and said it wasn't my fault. Richard had schooled the horse and wanted to ride it. But I still felt responsible. I nearly packed it in there and then." Seeing horses which Richard used to ride still reminds him of the

Just as it is for everyone else in jump racing, Cheltenham is who have been scheming for months to get their jockeys on the best horses. Roberts says that he is able to name 99 per cent of the jockeys in advance without looking. "It's the one per cent you're after. If I nick one of Robert's rides, he'll think: 'Damn that Dave Roberts', and ditto the other way around. But, in the end, we're only a voice on the phone for someone else."

Novice rider killed at Charing

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

GILES HOPPER, an apprentice farrier, died after a fall while riding at the South East Hunts Club meeting at Charing on

Saturday. Riding The Mill Height, a spare ride in the opening restricted race, Hopper, 21, was thrown from his horse at the second fence when it propped on landing. Paramedics, standing by the fence, were at his side within seconds and treated him for severe neck injuries. He was pronounced dead on arrival at Ashford

He is the fifth rider to

die in a point-to-point since 1980 and the ninth fatality in all forms of racing in the past 12 years. Hopper had been given the ride only an hour before the race. A novice, with just three winners and some 65 rides over two seasons behind him, Hopper rang owner-trainer Kevin Tork at his home near Reigate on Friday evening asking for the mount. He was told it was not available, but was allowed to deputise when the planned rider's medical book was found to be out of date on arrival at the

Local stewards held an inquiry after the race and decided no blame could be attached to other horses or riders. The rest of the meeting was abandoned and a report is being sent to Portman Square. The Jockey Club will look into medical procedure and the layout of the course.

They will pay particular attention to the second fence, which has had a high rate of falls in previous meetings. One senior rider, Tim McCarthy, yesterday described it as "too narrow", and a difficult fence when horses are pulling for their heads at the start of a race. Tork claimed he warned Hopper to "keep an eye" on the

Hopper's death is a particularly sad loss for his parents, Harry, a Ramsgate bus driver, and Jackie, and brother Oliver. However, the young rider the risks.

So does Darren Howells, whose 12 previous rides, all on Gt Hayes Pommard, had failed to achieve a completion, resulting in some shocking falls. At the Avon Vale on Saturday, Howells was able to keep the partnership going and won the hunt race, at the rewarding odds of 50-1.

Homework suggests Istabraq will provide correct answer

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

THERE is no mistaking Irish confidence going into the though it may be asking too much for a repeat of last year's record-equalling seven win-ners when Wither Or Which and Elegant Lord shone out as bankers. This time there are no such beacons to guide backers, but any number of Irish horses have the potential to emerge as stars.

The closest to an Irish banker will be Istabraq in the Royal SunAlliance Hurdle, despite his warm-up victory at Leopardstown raising as many questions as it an-swered. A neck defeat of his tenderly ridden stable companion, Finnegan's Hollow, coupled with some slow jumping, impressed few. However, a more impressive Istabraq is expected to be on view on Wednesday.

His homework has reportedly thrilled connections since Leopardstown and Charlie Swan, who has twice won the Sun Alliance, will not hear of him being beaten. As for his jumping, expect Istabraq to be much better with a guaranteed fast pace to concentrate his mind. Aidan O'Brien's horse is hard to oppose.

Swan has an excellent chance of winning his first Champion Hurdle on a horse whose quality has also yet to be fully appreciated. I'm Supposin is the latest highclass Flat horse to make the leap to possible Champion Hurdle glory, but few can have shown such a natural aptitude for hurdling. Kevin Prendergast's charge schooled brilliantly from the start and his two successes in novice company were exhibitions of poise and accuracy.

contenders need specific conditions to be at their best, he is an uncomplicated horse who goes on any ground and is battle-hardened enough from the Flat to overcome his relative inexperience. Prendergast has made no secret of his enthusiasm for I'm Supposin's chance and the five-year-old looks a more potent weapon than Space Trucker.

Finnegan's Hollow ran second to I'm Supposin at Naas



Prendergast: enthusiasm

in January and, on that form, will be fancied for the Citroen Supreme Novices' Hurdle. However, he is worth opposing. A horse who has broken blood vessels is not one to depend upon up the final hill. A better each-way option may be Graphic Equaliser, trained by Frank Lacy.

On tomorrow's opening day, the other Irish horse to keep an eye on is Miltonfield in the concluding Hamlet Cigars Gold Card final. Never one to win by too far, the Irish

Importantly, in a race in Cesarewitch winner possesses which many of the leading a formidable burst of speed and looks well handicapped.

Klairon Davis attempts go repeat last year's win in the Champion Chase but may be foiled by good ground. The home team, headed by Strong Promise and Viking Flagship. look too strong for him. Corkers quick and accurate

jumping will make him an attractive each-way prospect in the Royal SunAlliance Chase but it is in the Festival Bumper that many more Irish punts will be risked. Florida Pearl has been the most publicised Irish runner but throw in the likes of Fawn Prince and All The Colours and the Irish team has

strength in depth. However. Dermot Weld is becoming increasingly confident that in Musical Mayhem he has a horse with speed enough to win. He can be proved correct.

On Thursday, the Irish will gear themselves for unprecedented scenes if Danoli wins the Gold Cup, but a combination of the downhill fences and a front-running battle with Dublin Flyer is likely to spoil the party. It is difficult to see Imperial Call winning the Gold Cup again after such an interrupted season, leaving Dorans Pride as the best Irish prospect. That belief will grow stronger if the ground has some cut.

Ted Waish's Commanche Court will also need rain to play a part in the Triumph Hurdle and, in the circumstances, Stylish Allure could be best of the Irish. However. in a race as full of possible winners as ever, the home team looks to hold the stron-

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

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Dare, 8-11 lay); 2. Reel Lark, 3. Spacel 5
ran BFSS I 1, All Weather (M Wilssmith,
5-4 tav), 2. Cavalero, 3. Bear s Fight 9 run
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Dare,
9-41 2, Artae, 3. Bet With Baker 9 ran
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2 Espy 3 Run To Form 10 ran

Parsons has maintained a relentless quest for the best rides for Dunwoody

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2 Espy 3 Run To Form 10 ran
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Hunt 1, Kerry Solder Blue (Miss P Jones, 2-1), 2, Mackabee, 3, Dane Rose, 6 ran
Confined 1, Judy Line (S Shinton 7-1), 2,
The Brum Martner, 3, Delly Phrilog 11 ran
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2 Hall 5 Prince 3, Reapers Roward 13 ran
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1ev) 2, Wayward Edward; 3, Yarron King, 11
ran Mdn II 1 Misenseld (D S Jones, 5-2),
2 Khandys Sleve 3, Who s Your Man 12
ran Mdn III 1 In The Water (M P Jones, 5-1)
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ran Moth III in the water for Fasters, 31), 2, Pear Pomean 3, Ribengton 12 ran

CUMBERLAND FARMERS (Delston):
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2, Pennive View 3, All Cri Nothing 5 ran

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9.2); 2, Smoon Joseph 3, Pablowmore 16
ran Ladles 1, Orange Ragusa (Mrs. P.

Robson 4-6 fav); 2, Roly Prior 3

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Pansh Pump (R Ford, 5-2); 2, Gallants
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Action, 3, Luckieshiel, 9 ran Rest 1, 1, The
Buechall /P Craggs, 7-2); 2, Brotanetter, 3,
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Leuder Soquare 3, Snapper 12 ran Open

Mdn 1 (pt 1); 1, Stom Aire (T Scott 7-4);
Tan); 2, Arm Ah Man, 3, Romiley Mill, 10 ran

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6-1); 2, Victor Charle, 3, Yilleaney Carr, 10
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4-1); 2 River Melody, 3, Cockstown Lad, 5
ran, Intermediate, 1, Dynamite Den (A Coe,
11-2); 2, Youcat, 3, Carimthu Misty, 7 ran
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Evens), 2 St Gregony, 3, Portide Patk, 8 ran
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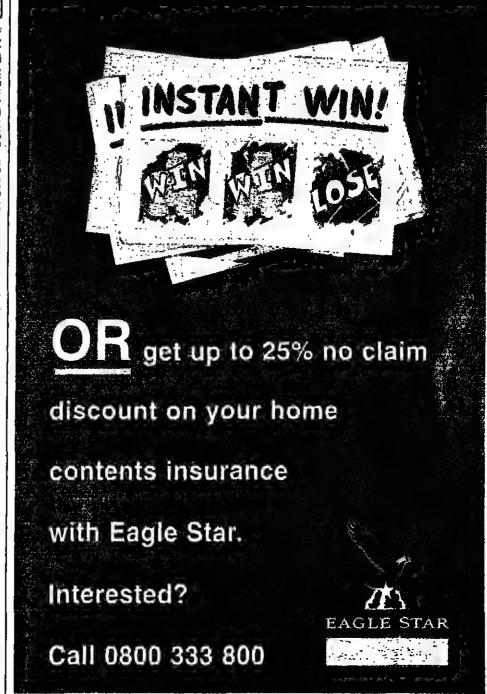
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fav); 2 Fair Crossing, 3, Sprucefield, 8 ran.
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Picton-Warlow, 2-1 (Helv), 2 Penlat, 3,
Welsh Singer 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Mountshannon (Mrs T Hill, 8-11 tax); 2, Looss
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Auctioneer (Miss L Rowe, 4-5 fav); 2 Teeton
Heevens, 3, Barno The Groom 7 ran. Midn III: 1,
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Lariones; 2, Biston George 8 ran. Midn III: 1,
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Tombola; 3, Loch Hish. 9 ran.

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SOUTH CORNWALL (Great Trethew): Confined 1. Perambutate (L. Jefford, 3-1); 2. Troket To The Moon; 3, It's Not My Fault, 13 ran Ladfes: 1 Majestic Spirif (Miss T Cave, 9-4), 2. Celler, Sport, 3, First Design, 7 ran. Men's Open 1 Spring Marathon (L. Jefford, 4-1); 2, Magnolai Man; 3, Chism, 8 ran. Intermediate 1, Three And A Half (N Hams, 5-4 lav) 2 Just Ben; 3, The Copper Key, 11 ran Rest; 1, Milled Oats (A Farrant, 5-1), 2, Clandon Lad; 3 Indian Rabil Bran Open Mich 1, Penguin (Miss J Cumings, 12-1), 2, Clandon Lad; 3 Indian Rabil Bran Open Mich II. 1, Probablon (R Danke, 7-1), 2, The Light Design, 3, Serome Jerome 9 ran. Open Mich IV: 1, Sabbaq (I Dowick, 15-8 lav); 2, Ann's Ambition; 3, Shameless Lady, 12 ran.

TANATSIDE (Eyton-On-Severn): Hunt: 1, Lakenheather (G. Harrmer), finished alone, Intermediate 1, Ledwyche Gate (R. Evans, 7-1), 2. Cornectie Reur. 3, Travel Bound, 12 7-11 2 Correctie Fleur 3, Travel Bound, 12 ian Men's Open 1 Chip Mrun (J Corres. 4-5 tev) 2 Back The Road, 3, Tare Boy 13 ran Ladies 1 Inch Med (Miss H Brookshaw, 1-3 tav), 2, Couture Tighis, 3, Simply Perfect 7 ran Rest I 1 Mr Bobbik (R Burton, 5-1) 2 Mr Busker 3, Killarly Player 15 ran Rest II 1 Four Hearts (D Bartow, 5-2 tav) 2, Dephra 3, Atlezscally 11 ran Midni 1, Solar Casile (P Mr.Airister 4-1), 2, Barney Bear 3, Bee-sorthy 4 ran Midni II 1 Bornadier Jack (C Bartow 5-2 tav) 2 Agile Ming 3, Musical Vocation 12 ran



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YAMOUSSOUNGRO: Ivory Coast Open: Leading final scores: 274: K Storegaard (Den) 71. 69. 68. 67. A Kanikonen (Den) 71.
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TAMAGUSURO), Japane: Women's trust-nament: Leading final scores: Liapen unless statud; 206: Ko Woo-Soon (Kor) 68. 68. 69. (won playoff; Ku Oi-Hee (Kor) 72. 68. 68. 69. (won playoff; Ku Oi-Hee (Kor) 72. 68. 68. 69. (won playoff; Ku Oi-Hee (Kor) 72. 68. 68. 69. (von playoff; Ku Oi-Hee (Kor) 72. 68. 68. 69. (von playoff; Ku Oi-Hee (Kor) 72. 68. 68. 71. 69. N Noro 70. 67. 72. A Talarmura 69. 73. 68. A Niturch 70. 70. 68: F Musequeti 70. 68. 71. 65 Swindon 83; Northampton 70 Boume-mouth 66; Shaffield 60 Thames Valley 71; Stough 77 South Bank 88 Women: First division: Ipswitch 79 Crystal Palace 67; London 65 Rhondda 88; Northempton 47 Harlesden 66; Nottingham 66 Thames Valley 73, Sheffield 70 Banking and Dogenham 48; Spethome 55 Brimingham 45 Second division: Play-offic Quarter-finats: Leicester 89 Chelmstord 64; Liverpool 62 Solent 60 NASTRO AZZURNO LEAGUE: Premio League: Astroid 2 Spencer 2, Sectentia: 2 Farefrem 3: Bournemoush 5 Anchorizes Hampstead/Westnerister 4 Gore County Minute division ALPINE SKIING BASKETBALL LAHTI, Finland: World Cup event: 1.
Finland: 935pts: 2 Austra 883: 3. Nonemy
358 High-hill event: 1, A Widnest
(Austre): 117.905; 2. P. Kytosaho (Fin)
117.5, 3 equal: J. Sorvinen (Fin) and K. Proceedings 37 19 10 219 179 84 New Jersey 30 19 12 178 182 89 Farma 29 22 15 176 185 89 Farma 30 28 9 217 190 68 Tarma 38 2 27 7 166 182 55 MY Estamas 23 23 10 161 195 56 SHIGA KOGEN, Japan: World Cup event: Men: Statom: 1, T Stangassanger (Austria) Imm 41 10sec 2, F C Jagog (Not) 14.194; 3, O C Furusein (Nor) 142.32; 4, K kimura (Japan) 142.38, S, S Amez (Fr) 1.42.44, 8, A Midave (Stouena) 142.45, 7, J Chanal (Fr) 1.42.73; 8, T Stanssan (Nor) 142.99, 9, M Hansson (Swel) 43.02; 10, K AAmodf (Not) 1.43.71 Glant statom: 1, M von Gnungon (Swelz) 2mm 41.68sec; 2, A Schrifferer (Austria) 242.04, 3, P Accola (Swelz) 242.29, 4, Asmodf 242.30, 5, J Kozar (Stovena) 242.22, 6, H Kneuss (Austria) 243.29, 10, R Salogeber (Austria) 243.28, 1, M Schilchegger (Austria) 243.28, 1, Albertan (Fr) 1,072pts: 2, Aamodf 955; 3, J Strobl 856; 4, K Gradina (r) 850, 5, Von Grünlgen 722; 6, Knaus 683, 7, T Sykora (Austria) 668; 8, A Steardal (Nor) 628; 9, Stangassinger 590; 10, W Franz (Austria) 586 2 Fareham 3: Bournemouth 5 Ancholizes 3: Hampstrad/Miteshretister 4 Gore Court 1: High Wijcambe 1 Chichester 2: Fizhrogathe 2 Wickingham 3: Richmond 0 Maderhead 1: Turkindge Wells 2 Old Wingfacts 2: Wirnbiedon 1 Wolang 1: Wischester 2 Old Krigstonians 2: Hampstrine/Sunny: Andore 6 Cheam 3: Basingstole 2 Gost 1: Southampston 1: Duhatch 4: Blandford 8 Orded 3: Purley 8 Barnes 0: Perestilied 2 Old Camleighams 7: London Umbersh 3: Gostm 3: Old Mid-Wingfacts 1: Cit Wildows 2: London Umbersh 3: Revision 3: Old Mid-Wingfacts 1: Cit Wildows 2: Middle 2: Windows 3: Hampstrines 3: Behadere 2: Middle 2: Middle 3: Middle NATIONAL ABSOCIATION (NBA): Friday, New York 113 Boston 102; San Antonio 105 Tournio 103: Miarm 108 Washington 105 (OT), Atlanta 90 Milwaukee 80; Minnesotta 96 Denner 83, Chicago 104 Indiana 96, Ulah 95 Dehtor 88, Phoenix 104 Sacramento 87, Portland 80 Deless 95, Seatle 109 New Jersey 90; Houston 111 LA Lakers 90, Golden Slate 108 Orlando 101; Seburday; Mitwaukee 90 Cleveland 82; San Antonio 102 Indiana 98, Detroit 91 LA Cipipers 85. SQUASH TEKNMOUTH: Proctor Memorial Open Chempionship: Semi-finals: Mem. D. Nyin (cel H. S. Meads (Berkshire) 9-7, 9-6, 9-3, N Northeast Grision 4-90) and 48-2
SUPERSPORT SERIES (the day of loss):
Cape Town: Western Province 433-3 disc
(H H Gibbs 163 not cut. J H Kallis 138, D L
Haynes 83, and 215-9 (C R Matthews 64, B
Michillen 63) Notel 249-5 (D N Crooleas 53 not cut. N C Johnson 52) Bloemferisher:
Free State 178 and 275 (G F J Liebenberg 85, T G Shaw 4-81); Eastern Province 198 (L J Koen 57, K C Wessels 57) and 174-7 Conturior: Transverse 201-5 disc (A M Bacher 102); Northern Transverse 108-3 (R F Piernaer 15 not out). BILLIARDS 34 29 11 191 161 75 32 25 5 226 214 62 25 90 10 182 201 62 24 22 12 223 241 62 21 32 13 180 196 55 22 25 9 194 237 53 Bidzo Pristugh Hartez Ozasa Bastri (2e) of 5 Meads (sensing) 9-7, 9-6, 9-3, N-1 (sensing) 1-7, 9-6, 9-3, N-1 (sensing) 9-7, 9-9, 9-9, Women: J Martin (Mariburg) 1-9-9, 9-9, 9-0, P Nicholl (Cumbra) bt P Nicholl (Scot) 9-4, 9-2, 9-3 NORMCH: Straction world matchpley champlonship: Quester-Snels: G Sethi (India) bt I Wilkernson (Eng) 4-0; B Chepman (Aus) bt N Passi (India) 4-3; F Foldvan (Aus) bt S Agrawal (India) 4-0; C Shutt (Eng) bt P Glichnist (Eng) 4-3. Semi-tinals; Foldvan bt Shutt 4-3; Sethi bt Channes 4-1 Eastern Conference Attentic division Pct 742 742 542 542 557 300 254 197 GB New York Marri Orlando Western Conterence Central division W L T Pbs F A
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25 57 4 193 229 54 ment Quarter male: Men's tourne ment Quarter male: M Philippousse Plus id 5 Black (Zml 7-5, 6-3; C Woodrus R.S. to C Moya (Sp) 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 1 Bontoner (Sp. 8-4, 2-6, 6-4; Reneberg 10:5) bit J Golman (Fr) 6-4, 62-5emi-finals: Philippousse bit Woodrus 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; Reneberg to Bjorkman 6-3, 6-4. Seesia Denoi Process Britain Chinago Torosso Torosso BOWLS CYCLING HOCKEY NEW EARSWICK: Yetton Troohy: Semi-finels: Boston bi Desborough Madenhead 77-65; Teigritondge bi Avon Valley 70-66. Final: Boston bi Teignindge 94-65. CS INDIGOR LEAGUE: Final: West Lo-than 66 Beinfield 61. 53 7 883 45 10 738 41 19 629 39 22 639 33 27 550 29 32 475 26 35 426 20 40 533 * Chicago Detroi Atlanta Charlothi Cleveland **ATHLETICS** NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cannock 4 Teddington 5; Canterbury 3 Hourstow 1; Essi Grinslaad 4 Oil Loughtonass 5; Hevent 2 Barloot Tigers 4; Reading 4 Guildland 2; Southgate 3 Road race TOUR OF MURCIA (Murca to Mula, 168m): Fourth stage: 1, D Konyshev (Russ) 4hr 16min 56acc; 2, G Pranegonda (N; 3, S Colage (N); 4, M Zoerg (Swtz); 5, M Luhs (Swe) all sarre time Leading overall standings: 1, I Garca Carnacho (Sp) 18hr 20min 25esc; 2, M Pantari (N) 18.2033; 3, J Ca Dominguez (Sp) 18.2037; 4, S Gonzalez (Sp) 48.2041; 5, C M Moller (Den) same time Pacific division Road running.

LISBON: Hall-merathon: Men: 1, M
Mouthi (Mor) Itro Orimin (Sect. 2, S Beidin
(II) 101 35: 3, A Pinto (Por) 101 39; 4, S
Korr (Nen) 102 16: 5, D Caron (Mer)
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102 19 Women: 1, T Laroupe (Ken)
103 00: 2, F Rouba (Eth) 1 09 43, 3,
EMcColgan (GB) 1:10 36: 4, F Siva (Por)
1,11,46: 5, R Maraou (Mon) 1:11 58
PARIS: Half-marathoric Men: 1, P Ruto
(Ken) 1tr 02min 12sec; 2, A Limo (Ken)
1;02 14: 3, P Kolane (Russ) 102:16: 4, D
Kapitanov (Russ) 1 02:22; 5, J-P Moncaux
(Fr) 1:02:39 Women: 1, A Tecuta (Rom)
1:09:37; 2, L Moanga (Rom) 1 10:37; 3, Z
Dafman (Fr) 1:11 56, 4, C Dafenbach (Fr)
1:2:10
NAGOYA, Japan: International women's
marathon: 1, M Bidaggrova (Bele) 2n:
29min 30sec; 2, H Suzulo (Japan) 2:29:36:
3, T Tobrise (Japan) 2:29:37
Cross country Road running. 41 17 8 226 161 90 30 30 7 208 301 6 62 23 30 9 193 152 6 4 25 33 7 130 194 55 28 35 5 206 227 53 25 35 6 181 221 56 23 35 7 162 274 53 7.6 6-2 Hencherg of Signaturan 6-3, 6-4. ...
ROTTERDANL Many Strattment Contentrals: D Vacek (Cat of R Fusien (b) 6-4;
1-6, 6-3, T Encyrst (Size) bit A Rachiesou (Gen 7-6, 6-3; G hvancsuc (Tro) vin P Words (Cat) R Krapcek (Holl) bit M Stath Gen 7-6, 7-8. Senti-finisher Krapcish, bit Encyrst 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, Vacek to Naranskie 6-1, 1-5, 7-6 Finish Krapcek bt Vaceh 7-6, 7-6 MORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ban Flhydding 2 Ramgarha 3: Formby 1 Norther 4: Neston 2 Harrogate 1, Sheffeld Barriers 5 Chester Q. Springfields 3 Smithport 3: Swaheell 3 Timperley 3 Edmorton Arenem Calgary Vaccouver Las Angeles San Jose SCOTTISH WOMEN'S BIDDOR BOWL-ING ASSOCIATION INTER-CLUS LEA-GUE: Semi-finals: Auchinteck 95 Fallank 66 (a) Coathridge); Galleon 90 Gartoch 66 (a) Extensionals Reading
Teddington
Cannock
Southgate
Canterbury
East Grinstead
O Loughton
Guildford
Hounstow
Barlord Tigers
Surbont
Havent Wastern Conference Michael division DTZ DEBENSHAM THORPE MICLAND LEAGUE: Premier division: Stawch & Blosson/held 3, Loughthorough Statiers 3 Hempton-in-Arden 0; North North 3 W L Fd 44 16 733 41 20 .872 30 29 508 19 40 322 18 40 295 15 46 240 11 51 .177 SUPERLEAGUE: Play-olls: Group A: Newmards 0 Apr 5 Group B: Notingham 6 Sheffed 3: Basergatoke 3 Brackned 2 (OT) BOXING NDIAN WELLS, California: Wo PADIAN WELLS, California: Women's commannent First rounds IN Tauziat 6"1 bits. de 1912 (56) 6-1. 6-0. A Sudjierna (Japan) 1: N Kijerusia Liapan) 6-4. 6-7. 7-8. S Tessiai (Fr) bit A-G Sidot (Fr) 6-7. 7-5. 6-2. F Laber (Arg) bit K Tirske (Swe) 6-2. 6-1. Tessimon (US) bit J Kandam (Gen) 7-8. 6-2. Ar Dechaume-Balterel (Fe) bit K Kechwend (Gen) 6-2. 6-2. P Begama (Sen) bit C Creates (Rom) 6-7. 6-1. 6-1. 1. D Berabamschiege. Best J K Stevenson (LS) 6-4. 7-5. T. Susoura (C2) bit G Pizzochini (R) 6-7. 5-7. 8-2. E Makaroma (Pluss) bit P Sustanz (Fig) 6-4. 7-6. E Likhovisena (Russ) bit K Studenkola. 7-6. E Likhovisena (Russ) bit K Studenkola. (Scrobka) 7-6. 5. 4-6. 7-5. R Drasporif Floration K Standin (US) 6-4. 7-7-6. C Rubam (US) bit A Frazez (LS) 6-3. 4-6. 7-8. A Kournikong-Russ) bit Phy-Boulais (Cad) 1-6. 6-1. 6-4. T. Whitinger-Jones (US) bit K Boogen (Fig) PARIS-NICE RACE (Neuthy-aur-Seine to Paris, 7, Hert), 1, L. Jakobert (Fr) Brain 19sec; 2, A Tchmil (Uri) et desc; 3, M. Mauri (So) et 7; 4, J. Durand (Fr) at 10; 5, L. Duraus (Switz) seme time. British: 42, M. Sciandri at 29. BRENTFORD: World Bowing Organization BRENTFCRD: World Boding Organization Inter-continuous featherweight of amplionship (vacanti): Seve Robinson (Cardiff) bit Tomas Sartos Serrano (Meo) to 1st. Super-middleweight (fönds): Mark Delaney (West Hern) bit Burch Lesley (Islington) pit: Light-middleweight (fönds): Mark Delaney (West Hern) bit Andy Gray (Yarmouth) pit: (Simds): Richard Walliams (Streitham) bit Marky Pulse (Greal Yarmouth) ris Sirci (fönds): Seve Roberts (West Harn) bit Adam Lugo (Med) io: 4th. Light-weißenweight (fönds): George Smith (Basildon) bit Peter Nightingsie (flipton) ris 1st, (fönds): Dave Brazi (Aldershot) bit Paul Knights (fledhli) risc 2nd Super-featherweight (fönds): Richard Evath (Covertry) ib Brien Robb (Teilord) ku 3xd ADMAINS EAST LEAGUE: Premer di-vision A: Bishop's Stortland 9 Redorage and Blood 2 Cambridge Coy 1 Chelmstand 2 Cambridge University 4 Derektan 2: Peterborough Town 3 typiston 6 Premier division B: Bury St Edmands 1 Sector Town 1, Cacton 5 Ignorth and East Suffer, 3. Huntengdon 1 Old Southerdar 8: Normich Coy 3 Latery Town 2. LACROSSE BANGLEY Women's efemational matches: England 8 15 Scotland 8 4 England 8 13 Wates 5 2, England 11 Wates 4, Scotland 34 Wates 8 5; England 6 5 Wates 5; England 5 England 5 England 5 England 5 PRST DIVISION: Bournville 3 Huli 2, Bromley 2 Blueharts 3; Brooklands 3 Beeston 3, City of Portsmouth 2 Indian Gymthrams 2: Cassiys 3 Isota 4, Donoaster 3 Laves 3, Edgbasson 2 Chicard Hawker 5, Frebrands 1 Oxford University 0, Glouces-ter City 2 Shellidd 2, Warmington 1 St Albums & Trolans 1 Stoupport 0 GOLF SHEPHEROS PREPARED SACETY
LEAGUE Premier division: Cheadle 13
Popular 5, Medic 7 Humeans 7: Cheadle
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Messey 16 Cross country
HAVANT: English champtonships: Mer
(14km) 1. Stwins (Covenity Godna) 45mm
53esc: 2. S Dundi (Cannock and Stalford)
46:14: 3. S Brooks (Bingley) 46:38: 4. J
Downes (Salford) 46:57: 5. B Royden
(Medway) 47-47: 6. D Payne (Toton) 48: 14.
Teams: 1. Tipton 165mp; 2. Bingley: 46:93.
Coventry Godna 319. Women (6/m): 1, A
Wintcombe (Parksde Hurtow) 21mm
07sec: 2. L Wingtil (Leeds City) 21:30, 3.
Talbot (Bedford) 21:35: 4. S Singleton
(Liverpool) 21:51: 5. R Buller (City of
Norwich) 21:52: 6, L Wortenden (Leeds
Civy) 21:59 Teams: 1. Leeds City 36:05: 2.
Aldershot: Farntham and Distinct 120; 3.
SAN VITTORE Millare IAAF World Cross
Challenge Men (11km): 1, G Tota (Eth)
34min 08aec: 2. J Blowin (38) at 1sec: 3, H
Jitar (Eth) 2: 4. P Guerra (Por) 3: 5. U
Puctata (It) 3. 6, E Bamgeturry (Ken), 18. 7. Cross country SUM LIFE WEST LEAGUE Premier chivation: Bash Buccaroers 4 Clevetter 3, Bristol University 1 Weston-super-Mare 9: Pyrnouth 3 Whitchurch 2, Taumen Vee 2 December 1. "qualified for play-oirs

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Berningham &
Shaffield 100; Coystal Palace 80; Chester 83;
Hemel and Wattord 83; Derby 112;
Manchester 81 Worthing 70 Frazer (LIS) 6-3, 4-6, 7-8: A Kourmitong-(Fusa) bit P Hy-Boulais (Card) 1-5, 6-1, 6-4, 7: Whitinger-Jones (US) bit K Booger (Holis 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; N Savernessu (Jopen) to Mi-Mengariter (Ge) 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; L Netland (Lai) bit M Grzybowska (Pol) 6-7, 6-3, 6-2-V; Wildams (US) bit A Miller (US) 6-2, 6-4; A Carlsson (Swe) bit B Scheff (Asstra) 6-7, 6-2, 6-2; B Ritther (Ger) bit 7 Tanesugam (Thel) 6-7, 6-0, 6-0 N Zeereva (Bela) bit M Brich (Japan) 6-4, 6-1, B Psuku: Pustria) bit M Ench (Japan) 6-4, 6-1, B Psuku: Pustria) bit M Ench (Japan) 6-4, 6-1, B Psuku: Pustria) bit M Ench (Japan) 6-4, 6-1, 8-7, 8-2, A Sanchez V-2ano (So) bit Farma 6-4, 6-2; E Udvorsena bit Raymond 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; I Spriese (Rom) bit Dechaums-Ballerai 6-7, 7-6, 6-2; L Deven-port (US) bit Whidinger-Jones 6-4, 8-0; Labat bit A Coetzer (SA) 1-8, 7-5, 7-9; M J Fernandaz (US) bit Netland 6-3, 6-3. ROWING KLIAŁÁ LUMPUR: World Cup qu ALBUQUERQUE, New Medico: World Booking Organisation jurior-bandsarweight chemptonship: Johnny Tapia (Mex, holder) bit Jonge Barrera (Mex) na: 3rd. International Booking Federation bandsarweight champtonship: Danny Romero (Mex, holder) bit Jaji Sibeli (SA) na: 6th HUMAN DURANTE WORD A: 1536784 4 South Africa 3; Melaysia 2 Switzerand 2: Poach 5 Switzerland 3, Spain 2 Camada 0 Group 5 Agentina 7 Belanus 1: 16th 25ach 4 Weland 1; South Kness 4 Belgum 4 Iscalination of the control of the c Barmingham

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BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Fourth rotind:
Askam 32 East Leeds 18; Beverley 4
Surfaugh 43; BHK 24 Farmworth 14; Cleyton
48 Ideal ARI 20; Duckley Hill 27 West Hull 20;
East Hulf 8 Kells 12; Ellenborough Flangers
68 Thatto Heath 4, Hersingham 16 Siddal
20; Lock Lane 10 Shaw Cross 22; Million 20;
East Jude's 22; Normenton 42;
Dewsbury Moor 8. Queens 68 Welnut Warriors 12; Thomhill 16 Wigen 8; Paintch's
31; West Bowling 31 Waterhaad 4; Wigen 8;
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Wöbletten Roverni 8. 12 Caritsia Saturday Doncester: Tries: Rowse, Watson Goele: Mycock, Turner. Carifale: Tries: Menzies 3. G Ruddy 2. Truston: Goele: Richerdson 4 Att: 828 MEDALS 10 Salford Warrington Warrington: Tries: Hatme, Vagano. Goet: Roper Salford: Tries: McAvoy 2, Cart-wright Coussons, Forber Goels: Blai-sley 4 Dropped goel: Lee Alt: 6,218 400 METRES: 1 S Bads (Afgeral 45 5: 2 J Badch (GB) 45,62; 3 S nambs (Japan 45 76 4, R Machaniak (Pol) 45,94; 5, C MBs (US) 46 30, Retired: T Matrosh (Bah) 200 METRES: 1, E Kotla (Gre) 22,78sec 2, J Cuther, Jami 22,77 3, S Goncharenko Fase: 22,95; 4, M Pracer (Jern) 22,28; 5, Y Laktothas (Gues) 23,81 Did not start C Gudh; (US) Lamcashire Lyro: Tries: Parsley 4, Briscoe, Gee, Asily, S Smith, Soloman, Warsang Gosle: Aktiey 3, S Smith 2, Bramley: Tries: Poddes, Shaw, Stead, W Frierman Goet, Creasser, Att. 259 * United States Yesterday 800 METRES: 1, W. Kipketar (Can. 1 mm 42.67sec (world record): 2, M. Pauta, 35m 1.45.76; 3, R. Kenah, 1051-145.76, 4, Molchebon (Gen. 158,19,5, M. Koes, (Hob. 158,43, 6, E. Tupurus (Lat), 1146.47 Cultin 3 2 0 5 Restl 400 METRES: 1. J Márs-Clark (US) 50:9696c 2. S Richards (Jam) 51:17. 3 H Fuchsona (Ca) 52:04. 4, 1 Tritea (Rom) 52:36 S. C Copara (Nigera) 52:19; 8. G Sinuar (Ger) 52:22 duare 20 Rochdale York AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE Auckland Warners 18 Hunter Manners 14; Erlessane Broncos 28 Adelaide Rame 12; Canberra Rakkers 20 Perran Partiere 22 Green York: Tries: Cam 2, Fitzgerald, Goele: Green 4 Rochdale: Tries: Diggle, Durrant, Marrison, Pitt. Stevens Goele: Gartland 3. Dropped goel: Gartland Att 525 1.500 METRES: 1, H el Guerroy (f.fr.; 3min 35.31ser: 2, R Stenael (Ger. 3.37.24; 1, W Tanus (Ken) 3.37.48; 4, 5.25mo; (Gr.; 3.39.25; 5, A Deaz (Sp) 3.29.75; 8, A Hairmi (Tun) 3.39.91 Januares. Leeds: Tries: Cummins 2, Farrell, Gibson, Masella, McDermott, Goals: Cummins 3, Holloyd Feelherstone: Tries: Beker 2 Goals: Maskil 2 Att: 9,579 Gennany 800 METRES: 1 M Multipla (Moc) from 23 96sec 2 N Cultimova (Selat LS9 31 3, U Cark LUS) 1:59 82 4 L Vitesde (Sur) 1:59 84 5. T Hodgeson (M2) 2:00.36 6, 1 Brackers (Russ) 2:00 61. AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL): Western Suburbs 16 Gold Coast 24, Sydney 10 Manly 14; Newcastle 11 - 9t George 6; Illawarra 50 South Sydney 10; Sydney City of South Outlensland 10 Ngena NATIONAL/CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pro-miar division: Mayfeld 24 Saddleworth 8 First division: Blackbook 36 Barrow laland 8; Leigh East 34 Outon 20; Moldgreen 6 Morocco 8,000 METRES: 1, H Gebrasiassus (Em) 7min 34 71sec. 2, P Book (Kerli 7.38 84; 3 (Sghr (Mor) 7:40 01, 4, G d Napoli (Si 7-41 05; 5, tk (Korana (Ken) 7:41 87, g J Mayock (GBi 7:44.31. 12 Bradford Cond's Receible Oldham: Tries: Abram, Famaio Goels: Maloney 2 Bradford; Tries: Torrenson 2 Loughin, Paul. Psacock, Spuce Goals: McNamara 7 Att. 11 284 Burgere 1,500 METRES: 1, Y Podkopayeva (Russ) 4/05/19: 2, M Staney (US) 4/05/22: 3, P Diatralia: 1, F) 4/05/16, 4, 1, Chojedia (Pol) 4/05/25; 5 C Sacratinatio (Por) 4/05/33: 6, S Kubhertund (Ger) 4/06,56. Physical SCHOOLS SPORT Kumbheim 4 X 400 METRES RELAY: 1, United States First division Dentities. 3mm 0493ec; 2, Jamaca, 3.08.11; 3, France, 3.09.68; 4, Russia, 3.09.75; 5, Austra, 3.11.47; 6, Japan 3.20.18. 0 Mozambicue 0 .. 0 3,000 METRES: 1, G Statoo (Rom) Smin 45 75sec: 2, S O Stativan (Re) 8 45 19; 3, F Rosero (Por) 849 79; 4, M Bastos (Por) 8,52,64; 5, M Dominguez (Sp) 8,52,74 18 Wakefeld FOOTBALL ENGLISH SCHOOLS ENICKERS UNDER-19 TROPHY. Quarter-final: Longford Com-munty 1 Ardingly 2. FA Premier League Trophy Under-16: Culerter-final: Mersey-side 1 West Midlands 2. English Schools Full Film Trophy: Quarter-final: Caroff 0 Islington and Caroden 2. 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Beckford Jamy 8 17 * France TRIPLE JUMP: 1, I Lasovskaya, (Russ) 15.01m. 2, A Hansen (GB) 14.70, 3, 8 Kasparkova (C2) 14.66; 4, R Malessou (Romi 14.66, 5, P Lobinger (Ger) 14.36 Portugal Norway TRIPLE JUMP: 1, Y Gercia (Cube) 17.30m; 2, A Umuta (Cube) 17.27; 3, A Asseddrienko (Russ) 17.22; 4, C Fredek (Ger) 17.16, 5, A Murphy (Aus) 16.98, 6, R Nachum (Irr) 16.81 Second division Japan POLE VAULT: 1, S Dragts (US) 4,40m; 2, E George (Aus) 4 35; 3, W Cs; (Christ) 4 35; 4, C Sun (Christ) 4.20; 5, D Bertova (Cz) 4.20; 6, S Abramova (Russ) 4.10 14 Humslet Berrow: Tries: R. Robinson, Thomas. Goele: Marwood 3. Hunslet: Tries: Booth 2. Chicle 2. Boothroyd. Goele: Booth 2. Dropped goel: Booth. Att. 1,300 Polema Yugoslavia POLE VAULT: 1, I Potapovilich (Nac) 6 90m, 2, L. Johnson (US) 5 85; 3, M Teresov (Russ) 5 80; 4, R Bothe (SA) 5 75; 5, T Lobinger (Ger) 5.75 RUGBY LEAGUE The Craven Cottage floodlights illuminate the logiand 0 0 HOCKEY ENGLISH SCHOOLS UNDER-16 CUP: Semi-final: Castleford 12 Wigen 17. SHOT: 1, V Pavlysh (Ukr) 20 00m; 2, A Kumbamuss (Gar) 19,92; 3, I Korshanenko " antra bronze medal because of tie in women's 60 hurdles Tonbridge 9 Crarleigh 2 women's Head of the River. Report, page 39 RUGBY UNION LEADING SCORERS: 313: S Gough (Fylor; 5 tries, 50 conversions, 59 penalty goals, 2 dropped goals) 282: G Ainscough (Leede; 91, 385, 49pg) 242: C Raymond (London Welsh; 91, 25c, 49pg, 5dg) 232: P Rutledge (Otey: 71, 43c, 37pg) 217: R Mills (Walsal; 11, 25c, 53pg), 1dg) 214: P Monts (Lydney; 21, 21c, 54pg) Tries: 17: M Preston (Fylde) 15: M Kintby (Otey) 14: A Hodgsom (Wharfedale) 13: B Wede (Mor-ley) 12: R Mathas (Leeds) Courage Clubs 30 Nottinoham Second division Championship Dundee HSFP 38 Bigger Pontypridd 48 Dunvant Dundee HSFP: Tries: Gray 2. Featherstone, Longstall, Pouse Cons: Patterson 2. Pere: Patterson 3. Bioger. Pens; Lavery 2 Portypridd: Tifser: Ford 2, Cormack, Evans, Jenkins, Prosser, persilly by, Const-Jenkins 5 Part: Jenkins, Durward: Penet M Thornes 2. DUI 15 MIDLANDS: First division: Barkers Butts 10 Clontari 46 London Idsh Beth 48 London Irish 3
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LEADING SCORERS: 247: S Meson (Richmond, 8 tres, 63 conversions, 27 penalty goals). 201: M Rayer (Bactiond, 8t. 57c. 19pg) 157: J Harms (Conventy, 4t. 40c. 24pg, 5 dropped goals) 184: H Anches (Newcastle, 3t. 55c. 15pg, 16g) 171: J Steels (London Scottish, 3t. 27c. 32pg, 2dg) Tries: 16: S Quinnell (Richmond) 15: G Armstrong (Newcastle), 3 Bentlay (Newcastle), 14: A Smallwood (Covertry) CIS county championship POSTPONED: Shelheld v Aspatria. D. Shetheld v Aspabia.

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Guscott (Bath), S John (West Harlepool). Llandovery 57 Ystredgyntals 7
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J Griffiths 2, P Jones Simpson Cores:
Lloyd-Jones 5, Waits Ystredgyntaus: Try: J
Donovan Core: Hughes. Hillmood/J 29 Gordonians 18 Harrogate Lydney 38 Lydney: Pens: Morris 6 Herrogale: Tries: Morley 2, Calchwoll, Obson, Zoing Cons: Zoing 5 Pent Zoing 75 Otago 30 Bridgend Natel Sharles: Tries, Lawless 4, J.Joubert 2, Thomson, Allan Hornball Cores: Lawless 9, Pens. Lawless 4 Otago Highlanders: Tries: Ropau, Randell, Wilson, Bart, Brown, Meouws, Cone: Brown 5 Pen; Brown Meath: Tries: Boobyes, Evens, Glabham Core: Case 3 Pens: Case 3. Bridgend: Tries: Durston, M Lewis, P Jones Core: M Lewis 2. Perc M Lewis Morley 10 Wharledale 13
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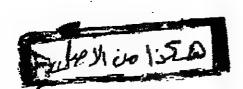
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34 Rugby Moseley Tries: O'Mahony 2, Denhardt, Jones Com. Le Bas Pens: Le Bas 4 Rugby Try: Hamson, Pens: Quartell 2,

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team". Supporters are start-ing to come from as far as Scotland and Wales. Robbie

Paul, the Bulls' young cap-tain, from New Zealand, is

Deakin's key card. His elfin face adorns all Bradford's

publicity. "Chicago Bulls have

Michael Jordan, Man United

have Ryan Giggs and we've Robbie," he said. "The kid has

got film-star status in this

Each Bradford player has his responsibilities in com-

munity and development work. The omus is on a caring

approach. Paul's brief is the

anti-drugs message in sch-ools. Unless they wanted

frostbite, no youngster used to hang around Odsal. Now the

place is alive with autograph-

hunters. It is an appeal more dramatic than can be ex-

'We have to

sell the

sport as well

as the club'

lained by an uplift in playing

fortunes, or by a simple name

change.
"Winning is everything for

the coach and players, but if

we suffer a significant loss,

our fans don't desert us in

droves because there's

another reason for them to

come," Deakin said. Too

often loyalty is taken for granted in British sport.

Here we try to communicate

with supporters, make them

feel part and parcel of

the club. The bottom line

Bradford, then the develop-ment of Odsal, at a modest

cost of £9 million now that

overambitious plans for a

'superdome" appear to be

doomed, must begin next

year. Corporate hospitality

does not go down so well in

Portakabins. In the mean-

time, Deakin will assemble

painters and trust that Friday

night remains fog, frost and

his jugglers,

If the fun is to continue at

Christopher Irvine begins a three-part series on the changing face of rugby league

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ccording to geolo-gists, the natural gists, the natural bowl at Odsai was gouged out during the fourth Ice Age. On a wretched morning, some permafrost apparently lingers. The former quarry at the top of the M606 has been a place of rugby league pilgrimage since Bradford Northern moved there in 1934. Nowadays, it is the epicentre of a new phenomenon, the loud, proud and conspicuously suc-cessful Bradford Bulls.

Weather permitting on Fri-day, Bradford will kick off a new rugby league summer at home to Warrington in the Stones Super League. Television cameramen need no reminding of the meteorologi-cal perils that can cause Odsal to fill up with fog whatever the time of year. More than one live broadcast has been disrupted. Last season, snow fell there on the opening

day.

The biggest change to the place is not physical. No rightthinking person would have imagined 18 months ago that Bradford would be trendsetters. Fashion began and ended at a bobble hat and scarf; the hip place was where supporters might best make the referee hear the cry of "Gerromonside". The reason the profile of the average Bradford supporter has changed from a male over 40 to a young mother is straightforward. "It's about fun," Peter Deakin explained.

To those who see the word fun as heretical in sport, Deakin, the foremost example of a new breed of marketing



Deakin's approach has prompted a huge rise in Bradford's attendances and in merchandising revenue. Photograph: John Houlihan

executive in rugby league, is unapologetic. "We epitomise what Super League is all about — vibrant, young, glitzy," he said. "It's what some critics pompously think sport shouldn't be about Why, then, have we doubled our crowds? We're as serious as any sports club in this country, but there has to be a

Cliched images of cloth caps and chimney-stacks were always ridiculously overplayed. But in replacing Northern with Bulls, Bradford addressed their main concern: a dying audience. Naturally, it offended certain sensibilities and drove some older supporters away, but their numbers have been replaced several-fold, mainly by families. It is a conversion that has its roots in popular appeal. Stick-in-the-mud Brad-ford are suddenly the gogetters that others seek to

Deakin said: "My acid test

was the retired schoolteacher who came to see me after the final game last season. She and her late husband were die-hard Northern supporters. She said she hated me, the new name, thought that music at matches would be corny and summer rugby daft. Now she said she was a Bulls fanatic and asked what on earth she'd do without matches for five months."

Bradford sought a niche market between the choreographed audience participation at ice hockey and the

numbers and atmosphere in football. When Deakin arrived at Bradford in 1995, after a five-year spell marketing different sports in the United States, he held up the Chicago Bulls basketball team as an example to follow. While some people laughed, Deakin and his team began to deliver. Club merchandise sales leapt

Average home crowds in-creased from 4,400 to 10,350 last season; the target this year is 12,500. In the close season, 2,000 subscribed to a

from £70,000 to £500,000 last

TOMORROW

The woman at the helm at Paris Saint-Germalu

new fan club. "Let's not kid Which other club would get so ourselves that a lot of these new people understand rugby league," Deakin said. "They come because others have told them they've had a great time here. The first trick is to get people into your sport but the next is to get them to under-

stand the culture of rugby

vinced a sceptical public that

league can be fashionable.

league, so they become a follower for life." Deakin, 43, talks of "posi-tive mindset" and "repositioning the image standpoint", but the marketing argon sits comfortably with the naturally upbeat patter of the former policeman in nearby Brighouse and forward with Oldham. He has wooed blue-chip sponsors and con-

many applications to be cheerleaders that it now wants to set up a dance

There are important lessons for the sport. The Bulls are merely a vehicle for the promotion of rugby league," Deakin said. "We have to sell the sport as well as the club. because there is still so much ignorance about league out there. The sport has always short-changed itself. It has to start trusting and believing, because the game is a fantastic product."

Deakin is taking what he calls the "Manchester United approach". That means promoting league as the main summer sport in England and Bradford as the "nation's

NETBALL

Essex girls provide a crucial test of new man

By a Correspondent

WHILE women referees are steadily infiltrating men's professional football - Wendy Toms, for instance, regularly runs the line in Nationwide League matches and takes charge of Vauxhall Conference fixtures — so male umpires are increasingly evident on the netball court.

Indeed, the key English Inter-Counties League encounter last week between Bedfordshire and Essex Metropolitan was umpired by a man, Dickon Adams. It also served as an "access test" for Adams, part of his assessment before possible appointment as only England's fifth international umpire. Coincidentally, or perhaps significantly, one of the present quartet is also male, Bill Alexander.

International umpiring is a prestigious role involving plenty of air miles. Alexander and his three English female counterparts are hoping to land a plum assignment in May, when New Zealand play host to an international series against Jamaica. Adams could provide extra competition,

New Zealand are pencilled in for a series in England in early November, when they will play three internationals against Liz Broomhead's hosts. The South Africans, hosts to England in the summer, were originally mooted to tour in the autumn but New Zealand - ranked third behind South Africa and above England — will prove exciting and exacting understudies guaranteed to attract television and pack arenas.

Flona Murtagh, the Eng-land captain, who also leads Essex Metropolitan, found herself facing her national predecessor, Kendra Slaw-inski, who captains Bedfordshire. Slawinski's team prevailed 41-38, leaving Bedfordshire topping a table dom-inated by Essex Met in recent. seasons. The final round of Inter-Counties League matches, on April 12, will decide if they can stay there.

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RUGBY UNION

Lyle turns on the style to keep Bath within range

London Irish ..

By DAVID HANDS PUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LIKE some wounded animal in the league jungle, Bath are letting scars heal before they launch their final defence o the Courage Clubs Championship title in April. It has been a traumatic season, but still they lie in third place, waiting to pounce should Wasps or Leicester falter.

Much may change in the eight matches they have yet to play, a sequence that will commence on April 2 against Sale after the postponement of their matches against West Hartlepool and Gloucester. "Rugby is all about rhythms on the field and confidence," Andy Robinson, their playercoach, said after Bath's eighttry win at the Recreation Ground on Saturday. "Ours are starting to return, the banter is back in the changing-room, the players are challenging each other again."

Bath's domination of the English game started 13 years ago with the coaching triumviRobson has recently returned to aid recruitment, but now there is a new triumvirate of Robinson, Nigel Redman and Clive Woodward, who understand that though the cups have gone, the league and European qualification Would that London Irish

had such a vista. For all their enthusiasm, which kept them in touch at the interval when they trailed only 7-3, they looked a team as washed out as their jerseys. Willie Anderson, their director of rugby. may be an eternal optimist. but the only rational target he can offer his players is the three wins that may earn them a place in the play-offs. Unless they can convert pressure into points, they will not even lift themselves out of the two certain relegation places.

When you are down, every bounce is unkind. They had hoped to field Niall Hogan. the Ireland scrum half, but the Irish Rugby Football Union requires him to wait a month before transferring from Terenure College: chargeddown kicks invariably rebounded to a Bath player, and

Leicester's profit taxes Dwyer

West Hartiepool3

By JOHN HOPKINS

EVEN in the Elysian Fields of rugby's new professionalism. games such as this come along from time to time. It was one-sided, dirty and disappointing, as unexpected and unwelcome as an income tax demand.

Chris John, the West Hartlepool scrum half, was given a yellow card for gratuitous stamping on Will Green-wood's head and Michael Wood was carried off the field on a stretcher, his neck in a

Victory did not bring much pleasure to Bob Dwyer, Leicester's Australian coach, who said of the game: "It was not so flash," which is Australian for something rather

Even the momentary realisation that Leicester had gone to the top of the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, because Wasps were not playing until 24 hours later, only brightened Dwyer's demeanour

The coach said he was disappointed with Leicester's ball-retention and their inability to score points. "I think we missed the opportunity to play really well and you have to take those opportunities when they are offered to you," he said.

in the programme. Dwyer had suggested that this was a game that Leicester ought to win easily, but recalled how a former Australian coach had once said to him: "The games that are the most difficult to win are the ones you are supposed to win".

However, it was not a case of West Hardepool proving

pack was pushed all over the place and their backs - one looping run by Liam Botham and a dart by Stephen John apart - had no penetration. On this evidence they are out of their depth in the first

The reality was that Leicester made things difficult for themselves. A Leicester at full throttle could have won by 80 points, not 45, but even without several first-choice forwards they should have been more decisive. West Hartlepool offered very little — be it in scrums, lineout or broken play - other than

Although Joel Stransky had an almost flawless game, his 23 points taking him past 100 for Leicester in only eight games (a club record), Austin Healey was less impressive. Three days before he is expected to be selected for England, the scrum half did not look any nearer his best than the rest of the team.

"I think he needs the big occasion." Dwyer said. "I think he needs pressure on him. Against Sale and today I didn't think he played particu-I thought that today his

passing could have been more precise. I thought he could have read the game better."

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latched on to an interception. his angle of run seemed to take him closer to the covering Perry instead of away.

They have talented wings in Woods and Howe, but could find no way of serving them. Now they will not even have Howe, the former Oxford University captain requiring further work on a long-standing hip injury which must be rested if he is to start next

A period as grey and damp as the weather was enlivened only by Mallett's try, from a maul that began 35 metres from the Irish line. Humphreys kicked one of only two penalty chances and tried hard to work space for his colleagues, but Bath closed everything down.

Catt was scrutinised closely by Mike Slemen, assistant coach to England, who will name him at stand-off half tomorrow for the match against Wales if Paul Grayson's hip injury does not improve. He emphasised both his inability to control a game with his kicking and his wonderful running skills. The Irish could not pin him down and a propensity to concede penalties only offered Bath further opportunities to in-

crease the tempo of the game.
Yates forced his way over
from a lineout and Robinson completed a series of attacks under the posts. The fourth try, by the deserving Lyle, signalled a wave of replacements, but also underscored the contribution the American is making to Bath's re-emergence. Athletic, aggressive and fast. Lyle gave his colleagues a focus when they were running themselves into a muddle, and Robinson believes that he could be as good a player as Abdelatif Benazzi, the multi-

skilled captain of France. "The one thing we are working on with Dan Lyle is when to do the showboating and when not to," Robinson said of a player whose best position is probably blind-side flank rather than No 8. Not that Lyle was wasting his chances. Though the final quarter was dominated by three tries from Sleightholme, Lyle scored a second after neat interplay from the lively Harrison and Webster, and had any man-of-the-match award been on offer it would have

As it was, the England combination of Catt and Sleightholme finished the Irish off. The wing scored his first after two free kicks and a penalty had put London Irish on their heels, his second after Harrison's grub-kick to the corner, and his third from 45 metres after Catt had opened the (rish midfield as neatly as any surgeon. Had Callard's kicking been as accurate as normal, the Exiles would have been beaten even more

neavily.

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Tuigamala slowed by ring rust

Wakefield.,

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SHOULD being the world's most expensive rugby player not work out. Va'aiga Tuigamala could always join the legion of menacing-look-ing security guards at Kings-ton Park. His trouble, off the field at least, is that he cannot help smiling. It is natural good humour and nothing at all to do with a swollen bank balance.

On the pitch, Tuigamala looks to have more weight to throw about than he did at Wigan rugby league club, where a strict diet and daily runs up and down the terraced gardens of Rivington Pike were imposed. It took Alan Shearer a while to get off the mark at St James' Park and in the rugby corner of Sir John Hall's empire, the fact that their new £1.5 million man was the only Newcastle threequarter not among the tries on Saturday was of no immediate concern.

Tuigamala was tempted when eyeball-to-eyeball with Massey to take route one over the Wakefield full back. Instead, he acknowledged the cry outside him of John Bentley, whom he furnished with his fourth try on the right wing. Earlier, half the opposition had descended in halting Tuigamala's charge from a tap penalty. Wakefield's problem was that there were 14 other highly skilled and powerful individuals for

them to try to stop. Scrubbed and shaved, Tuigamala emerged, beam-

Christopher Irvine sees the world's most costly player miss out on the tries

ing. He resembles Odd Job.

who nearly decapitated James Bond with a killer bowler hat Tuigamala, minus the bowler, was respiendent in pin stripes. His eyepopping stare strikes fear, but always it is accompanied by a wide grin and he spoke with warmth at being at a club of such rich potential

"I am here to bring out what's best on my outside and utilise these guys at every opportunity." he said. "When you've the likes of Tim Stimpson running into gaps, Bentley, who's strong and hits the ball at pace, Tony Underwood, who's unpredictable, and Alan Tait on my outside and Rob Andrew on my inside. you've got to get these guys running.

"This team has the makings definitely. I've been fortunate to play in some great sides, and the feeling in this team, the spirit, the morale, the whole set-up and attitude much is expected from him in the push for promotion from the Courage Clubs Championship second division. Newcastle can afford no slips.

speaks for itself. I've taken

this to my heart. I want to

make a major contribution

and that's going to come from my discipline and

With another ten games in

eight weeks. Tuigamala will

shed the rust and spare

weight. The burden he car-

ried of most costly player will

not disappear so quickly. The

Western Samoan is the big

piece in the multinational

iigsaw at Kingston Park and

.A crowd of 3,000 looked like being rewarded after 15 seconds by Tuigamala's runaway bull impression. Wakefield lassoed him after 20 metres. It was one of a few brief glimpses. Saturday was no time for pyro-technics, but getting the basics right, feeling his way with new col-

Wales worries pile up

the five nations' championship match with England in Cardiff on Saturday have worsened because of an injury in training to Colin Charvis. the Swansea flanker. Charvis will have an X-ray tomorrow. Jonathan Davies said yesterday that if he was selected

it would be his final appearance for Wales. Christian Califano, the Toulouse prop, will miss the

WALES'S problems ahead of match with Scotland at Parc des Princes after being sent off

for punching in vesterday's league match with Grenoble. Cumbria will contest the CIS county championship final with Somerset on April 19 after a thrilling match against Cornwall in the semi-finals at Camborne on Sarurday. Cumbria won 38-24, but the defeat of Cornwall is likely to mean another low crowd at

Twickenham for the final.

leagues and settling into the ewcastle rhythm.

Much of the afternoon he stood hands on hips as the tries mounted. His shoulders are so vast that the last letters of his name on his shirt were tucked under each armpit. The action in union is far more spasmodic than the relentless exertion of league. There is no retreating ten metres after each tackle for which Tuigamala was grateful

Tuigamala is part of a league triumvirate at Newcastle with Tait and Bentley, two players the British Isles can ill-afford to be without this summer in South Africa, Bentley is the only dual player - he is supposedly due back at Halifax when his union commitments finish - but 16 tries in 12 matches on loan from Thrum Hall is form that Newcastle must be tempted to try to reward with a permanent arrangement.

Stewart twice exploited the danger with Newcastle that they are routinely thinking of where the next try is coming from. They came up with some beauties, however, and none better than Underwood's second, flying score.

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Orrell are left with ground to make up on the elite

Rees SIIS

Hadequins.

BY A CORRESPONDENT

N THE nine seasons before the professional era dawned Harlequins had lost all but three of their 12 Courage Clubs Championship matrix es with Orrell. In the two. games since, the Londoners now a rich cosmopolitan mix in every sense - have won-both and harvested 22 tries. and 145 points in the process.

Although Orrell manager Edge Hall Road, halving the deficit that they suffered at the Stoop memorial ground in October, the gulf between the sides was still immense. From the opening move of the match, in which their new wing, Chapman, went over, a Harlequins victory was inev-

"Unfortunately," Ron Pin-blett, the Orrell chairman conceded, "we are no longer competing on a level playing-field. They can buy in international stars at will; we can't. Whether that is doing our game any good is a matter of opinion. Do we really want an-English league with four or five clubs totally dominant and a host of overseas players involved?

Pimblett knows that should Orrell be relegated at the season's end — and even forcing a play-off place is becoming a Herculean task — they will be hard-pressed to keep their leading players. Already, Naylor, Hitchmough and Angelsea have been targeted.

However, with two matches to come, against fellow strugglers Bristol and London Irish, they refuse to give up hope. With a decent share of ball - something they never had against Quins - Orrell are capable of playing attrac-

tive rugby.

That much was evident in the sparkling moves that led to their two tries by McCarthy and Taberner, Unfortunately, a desire to run the ball at every limited opportunity was rendered fatal by poor ballretention and, significantly, four of Harlequins eight tries were scored from well within their own half.

What Orrell achieved by stealth, the Londoners answered with raw power and superior pace. In Mensah, Harries, Lacroix and the backrow pair of Davison and Cabannes, they boasted players of experience and vastly higher calibre. The Harlequins pack showed the greater organisation, too, although they occasionally got into a tangle defensively. Chapman's debut was

memorable not only for his early try, but also for two 65-yard sprints to match the hat-trick Harries scored in the first encounter. His fellow wing, O'Leary, took his try total for the season to 22 and Lacroix kicked impeccably to bring his point tally from seven appearances to 114.

SEVEN appearances to 114.

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Evans delivers telling blow with grace

Llanelli 42 BY GERALD DAVIES

THIS was a fine match that began, within the first minute, with a try of such composure, speed and subtle movement that it will take the debilitating ailments of old age and memory to erase. Taylor and Gibbs powered their way down the middle for Swansea but spilt the ball. Moon got his hands to it and transferred it to Botica, who fingerripped it to Garan Evans.

From this unpromising position within his own 22-metre line and a converging defence, the wing gracefully evaded Taylor and still nudging the touchline he turned inwards towards Stuart Davies. then out again to race majestically away to score under the posts. There was no hint of urgency or strain in his movement; simply timing and balance.

Evans is a slight figure, pale among the iron-pumping hardness of the strapping fellows around him. He is no loiterer, though. He stands out in a rugby crowd in contrary fashion to the likes of, say, Jonah Lomu. Wingers look upon the New Zealander in his muscled glory with furrowed brow and are

likely to suffer sleepless nights. With Evans, on the other hand, they might rub their hands with glee on seeing the meagre propor-tions of the Welshman and lick

their lips in famished anticipation. There he stands, an undernourished waif. Whereas others would appear to have been incorrectly measured and could do with a set of jerseys and shorts a size larger. Evans's kit flaps in the breeze. All this is deceptive. What he lacks in bulk he more than makes up in footballing guile. All this is the more satisfying in a rugby world of



Botica: in kicking form

giants that Evans can make his fresh and contrasting mark.

The home team has been in pole position for most of the season but is beginning to stutter at a crucial time. With a bench full of injured players this was their third consecutive defeat in the Welsh League. With Pontypridd gaining maximum points in their march, Swansea have had to relinquish the top position in the first division.

It is not the championship itself that is at stake but qualification for the European competition. Swansea, who did not play in the Heineken Cup this year, will not want to slip any more.

Uanelli's movement is in the other direction. Seemingly weighed down by their financial problems they looked mediocre at one stage and somewhat woebegone. Their game, with no areas of obvious strengths, was shapeless.

Suddenly, they were in sparkling form, true to their image of adventure and spontaneity. If this was highlighted in their 40-odd points victory against Cardiff 12 days ago, they continued in like fashion in the first half at St Helen's on Saturday. They were full of running.

If Evans began Llanelli's assault. it was Boobyer in midfield who tore Swansea's edifice down. Not only did he score twice but he also created the move that led to Wintle's try. He was influential in all three of the other tries scored by half-time. Whatever he did during the afternoon came off. It was quite a day for him. Botica, who has made such a difference to Llanelli, converted all the tries.

Not that it was, by any means, a one-sided affair as the final score might suggest. Gibbs and Harris scored good, workmanlike tries one of which Harris also converted. This kept the home team in touch. But that was their problem. It was merely workmanlike. They exerted plenty of pressure

in the second half but lacked the inspiration to break the visitors' fence, so that, eventually, it was Llanelli who added to their score. Proctor and Andrew Gibbs got the tries with Botica once more converting both.

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THUNDER rang and lightning flashed around Ellis Park for the full 80 minutes here yesterday, but Transvaal somehow weathered an Australian Capital Territories storm to go top of the Super 12 table with two games played. There are nine more matches between Transvaal and a place in the semi-finals but, already, it seems the frustration of a disappointing performance in the inaugural tournament last season may be behind them. They will present a formida ble early test for the British Isles here on June 11.

Only two of the Transvaal players who lost to ACT in Canberra exactly a year ago took the field yesterday. Francois Pienaar. of course, is now in London (although a life-size effigy of the popular former captain watched from the touchline) and others were absent injured, but Transvaal have certainly opted for wholesale change. Among those to depart was Gavin Lawless, who scored 50 points from full back for Natal against Otago on Saturday.

ACT were the surprise of the tournament last season, defeating three of the eventual four semifinalists. Inevitably, then, 14 of last season's XV survived. They dominated the lineout yesterday and George Gregan looked capable of winning the game on his own from scrum half. With Knox, Howard and Roff among the illustrious names outside him. ACT had the

Transvaal weather the storm

However, Transvaal kept battling away. Johan Roux was the

better of the first half. They

led four times and scored three

Results and tables ...

architect of much that was good from the home side and they pressured the ACT threequarters into some costly louse passes towards the end of the third quarter. when Gillingham and Le Roux capitalised for decisive sonres.

There is a bonus point on offer for scoring four or more tries and another for the beaten side if they finish within seven points of their victors. Knox would therefore have won a second point for ACT had his last-minute penalty not drifted

This enlightened points system

(there are four for a win and two for a draw) and liberal use of substitutes ensured a free-flowing spectacle. The pace was ferocious throughout and that both sides scored five tries in the conditions was remarkable.

"Congratulations to ACT, they certainly came to the party." Kobus Wiese, the Transvaal captain, said afterwards. "We're disappointed." Rod McQueen, the ACT coach. added, "but we were expecting a tough game and they played some good football."

Transvaal entertain Otago and ACT visit Natal next weekend. With Auckland beating Free State in Bloemfontein last Friday, the battle for southern-hemisphere supremacy is certainly up and running.

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RUGBY UNION: FULL BACK'S ASSURED PERFORMANCE WITH THE BOOT STIFLES SPIRITED GLOUCESTER Rees sustains Wasps' pursuit of title

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the musical chairs that constituted the Courage Clubs Championship fixtures this weekend ended, Wasps were still sitting on top of the first division. They may have granted Leicester the leadership for 24 hours, but the dispatch of Gloucester at Loftus Road yesterday leaves their challenge intact,

It will take a better team than Gloucester to remove them conclusively from the title race. That the West Countrymen have worked wonders with limited material is not in doubt, or that they scored a marvellous try within two minutes of the start, but they have not got the money to buy the class that Wasps possess and, by the end, on a bright but hazy afternoon they were chasing shadows,

Not much gets past Gareth Rees these days. The Canadian full back has far too much experience to worry about the concession of an early try and he more than made his own point. From nine kicks at goal, he scored with eight for a haul of 21 points. He also prompted a surprisingly inaccurate back division with cross-field passes straight from the American football coaching

It was as well that other parts of the Wasps game functioned better than their threequarters. Reed and Dallaglio provided a stream of lineout possession that Gomarsall used with masterful skill in the middle of the game but far too seifishly at the start and fihish. "Andy tries far too hard to make things happen when, if he had more patience, he would be more effective," Nigel Mel-ville, the Wasps director of

coaching, said. But at least the scrum half gave Alex King the opportunity to offer the England management a convincing argument in his own favour, should they require a replace-ment stand-off half against Wales on Saturday. The minibattle between King and Mark
Mapletoft ended as no contest,
with Mapletoft off the field before the interval. Up to that



King plunges over the line to score Wasps' first try in their victory over Gloucester at Loftus Road yesterday. Photograph: Gill Allen

having tried far too hard to turn matters round for Gloucester, ultimately to his own detriment.

Mapletoft has his goalkicking skills to call upon, however, which are a persuasive argument in his favour, but King showed that his confidence has not suffered from a season littered with annoying injuries. He is willing to take players on, to kick sensibly when required and to create space for colleagues who, ultimately, put far too many passes to ground for their coaches' comfort.

point Gloucester had enjoyed the territorial advantage and ensured the harshest of introductions for Kenny Logan to English club rugby. The ball did not run for the Scotland wing, who depended as much upon Gloucester to kick ball to him as on his new colleagues; nor did Logan last the game, a kick — by his own side — left him with a cut head and four stitches, though he is in less doubt for Scotland's international in Paris this weekend than Damian Cronin, who left the field early with a pulled muscle in his back and may struggle to take his place among the replacements

At least Gloucester can say that they do not stand on ceremony. Mapletoft had time to send a dropped goal wide before Peters attacked a loose clearance, found Glanville in support and Carter chimed in before Catling crossed the line with less than three minutes played. Thus encouraged, Gloucester carried the game to Wasps, rattled their defence and even forced a yellow card for Dallaglio after a fracas between the forwards.

But they could make no substantial penetration and Wasps settled into a more measured stride. They attacked close to set-pieces beSheasby and Greenwood led a wave of black shirts that broke upon the Gloucester line and finally washed over it when King darted through.

Rees, with a conversion and a second penalty, provided Wasps with a 13-7 platform at the interval and that was sufficient. Gloucester compounded their own difficulties with a series of penalty awards. Rees dutifully knocked over goals from 30 and 15 metres, either side of one by Mapletoft, and finally the tries

Henderson's break found the faithful White in attendance and Greenstock finpenalty forced Gloucester to play a higher-risk game than they might have preferred. That the ball should go down in their midfield was almost inevitable and Roiser was able to speed 30 metres to the line.

WASPS: G Rase; S Rober, N Greenstock P Henderson, K Logat; A Ning, Gomersal; D Molov, S Mischel, W Green, Dalagilo, D Cromin, A Read, M Wite, Sheasby, Cromin replaced by M Greenwood (Rent): Commissional by 1 likes (198

Saracens strike as Bristol Mannix gives direction to Sale's European quest

By JOHN HOPKINS

SARACENS face nine games in 35 days starting at the end of this month and, judging by the way their forwards took hold f) of this match and outplayed the vaunted Bristol pack, such a schedule should not be too daunting. Anyway. little can daunt Mark Evans, Saracens'

director of coaching, not even suggestions that Michael Lynagh had been dropped for this game yesterday. Not true," Evans said forcibly after Saracens had won

their eighth game of the season in the Courage Clubs Championship and con-demned Bristol to their eleventh defeat. Saracens are now fifth in the table. "We are happy with Michael. He was the London player of the month in January. He knew last Monday that he was not playing today. He is vital to us. With these games coming up we have to start rotating people and we thought we might as well start now."

Blessed are Saracens in their stand-offs because Andy Lee shone and must have impressed not only Francois Pienaar and Richard Hill, both of whom were watching their team-mates from the stand, but also Alan Davies. the Bristol coach. Pienaar hopes to return for the game against West Hartlepool. Hill's absence was precaution-

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pack lacks traditional fire ary. He was saving himself for international Wales on Saturday.

Again and again Lee, 28, caught the eye, kicking well and running dangerously. It was his first league game since October but he looked much at home. Matthew Singer, Saracens full back, who appeared to have genuine pace, was another who caused Bristol problems.

Whether it was their skill in rucking, mauling and driving or their general enthusiasm, the Saracens forwards were outstanding. "It was their commitment to the ruck and maul and to driving forward play that was noticeable," Davies said. "They showed greater determination to go forward and not to complicate

All four Saracens tries, particularly Sella's, which came after an interception by Tony Diprose, were either created by the forwards or scored by



Sella: fine try

them. Whenever they drove the ball downfield they gained yards and yards. When they got near the line, they kept moving the bail from one to another until they found a place where Bristol did not

have a defender. Bristol's form is worrying for such a distinguished club.

They do not play with as much fire, passion or confidence as they used to," Evans noted. "This game was not as competitive as the game down there before Christmas." Rob Cunningham, formerly Bristol's coach and now the Saracens first XV coach, said: "It is sad to see a big club in that

situation." Even if Bristol win their remaining two home league games, they will almost certainly have to compete in the play-offs. Saracens however, having played at least one game fewer than most of the teams above them, are on the cusp of a place in Europe next season if they continue this form. That run of games beginning in a few weeks time will tell us just how good they

SCORERS: Saracens: Tree Singer Sella Clark, P Wallace Conversions: Lee (3) Penalty goals, Lee (3) Bristor Trees Point Maggs Conversion. Burka Penalty goal

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Northampton15 By Alison Kervin

SALE, proud and purposeful in their new kit, took another bold step up the Courage Clubs Championship first division table vesterday, moving themselves ever closer to the dizzy heights of a precious topfour place and the chance to

play in Europe next season. They scored twice as many points as a lacklustre Northampton side which looked a pale shadow of the one that dominated the second division last season. Sale played a gutsy, committed game, in which Simon Mannix, their stand-off half, was the outstanding performer. The 25year-old kicked seven penalty goals and scored a try despite leaving the pitch for ten minutes in the first half with a

broken nose.

The emergence of Sale as genuine league and Pilkington Cup contenders this season is one of the wonders of the modern professional era. The Manchester-based club is relatively isolated in the North and it has long been lacking in funds and appreciation. Millionaires have not flocked to the club as they have to some of its southern rivals. and Manchester United are based just down the road. starving Sale of any passing

Yesterday, while United fans were still licking their

wounds from defeat on Saturday. Sale took the opportunity to play a Sunday game in the hope of attracting some foot-

ball supporters to the ground. in the event, around 2,500 followers witnessed Sale get the better of Northampton. The visitors simply could not compete with the tough northern outfit, who were passionate in defence and took advantage of opportunities as they arose in attack.

Northampton struggled to penetrate Sale's well-worked and meticulously executed defensive wall all afternoon, and were not quick enough, in thought or deed, to outflank their opponents.

With Grayson injured. Townsend took over at standoff half, but the man who performed so brilliantly for Scotland last season was having a seriously bad day, and Northampton's reliance on him to give pattern to their play meant that they were left



treading water for much of the game. The half-back combination gave no real structure to the match.

The first half constituted a locking of horns as the two sides mounted a place-kicking battle. Sale won it, finishing 15-6 up at the break thanks to five kicks by Mannix.

Matters appeared momentarily worrying for the home side when Mannix was incapacitated, but he reappeared in the second half and continued where he had left off by adding a further penalty goal and the first try of the game to

his first-half tally.
His try came in a moment
of quick-thinking brilliance as
he intercepted a kick with his fist before gathering the ball and speeding for the line. Townsend kicked another

three penalty goals for Northampton, but Sale took hold of the match once and for all in the 73rd minute when Chris Yates scored their second try of the day.

A frenzy of Northampton substitutions followed, but to

No avail.

SCORERS: Sale: Penalty goals: Mennox (?). Tries: Mannox, Yales. Northampton: Penalty goals: Townsend (5)

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Referee: Ed Morrison (Glou-cester / Bristol)

CRICKET

Yorkshire rejects funding fears for new ground

YORKSHIRE was yesterday accused of "misleading" its members, who voted on Saturday in favour of leaving Headingley and moving to a purpose-built £50 million sta-

dium near Wakefield. The development at Durkar is expected to be funded by the National Lottery, the Sports Council, the European Regional Development Fund and other sources.

Paul Caddick, chairman of Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Club — the owner of Headingley - believes members were not presented with all the facts concerning the funding of the scheme.

"I don't think the Sports Council will be happy with what's gone on because they will believe that Yorkshire members have been misled," he said. "They've already indicated to both Wakefield Council and Yorkshire that they are only going to get in the order of £10 million,"

Sir Lawrence Byford, the Yorkshire president, said: There has been so much balderdash spoken about whether we will get grants. If

Rose picks haul of six to signal his arrival

WEST INDIES took a firstinnings lead of 81 runs when they dismissed India for 346 on the fourth day of the first Test match at Sabina Park in Kingston, Jamaica, yesterday. At lunch West Indies had reached 29 without loss in

their second innings. Franklyn Rose, the fast bowler who was the scourge of the India batsmen on his debut on Saturday, bowled Kuruvilla for nought to finish with six for 100 from 33 overs. Nayan Mongia, who rescued India on Saturday, resumed at 74, but added only four before being caught by Ro-land Holder at square leg, while Sunil Joshi hit 43.

WEST INDIES; First Innings

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32 2-127, 3-140, 4-145, 5-163, 6-234, 7-248, 8-315, 9-320. BOWLING: Arribrose 24-9-35-0; Bishop 24.5-4-82-3; Rose 33-7-100-6; Walsh 32-8-73-1; Hooper 21-9-40-0; Chanderpaul 11-4-22-0.

Umpires; S.A. Bucknor (West Indies) and M.J. Kitchen (England)

Hampshire can get 17.2 million for their new ground I'm sure we can get £15 million for a Test ground.

Yorkshire's determination to leave Headingley is moti-vated by discontent over the owners profiting from all the perimeter advertising and catering, having no control over car parking and growing con-cern over crowd trouble during Test matches.

They are also distressed at having to move two Sunday League matches to noon starts to accommodate rugby league commitments and the fact that the ground has undoubtedly slipped behind other Test grounds in facilities and reve-

nue potential. was disappointed at a lack of a vote ... to continue Headingley," Caddick said. That is clearly a signal to me that Yorkshire, no matter what, do not want to play cricket at Headingley."

Yorkshire have signed the former Australia opening batsman, Michael Slater, as their overseas player for the

Sri Lanka struggle to stave off defeat

ALTHOUGH Sri Lanka made a solid start to their second innings, they ended the third day of the first Test at Dunedin still 327 runs behind New Zealand after being forced to follow on. Sri Lanka were 37 without loss when rain caused play to be aban-doned with 29 of the scheduled

overs remaining. Sri Lanka made only 222 in their first innings in reply to 586 for seven declared. After resuming at 78 for four, they lost wickets at regular inter-vals as the New Zealand fast bowlers. Simon Doull, who finished with five for 58, and Heath Davis (3-34) called the

NEW ZEALAND: First Immes

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BASKETBALL

Bullets fire blanks to aid Sharks' cause

By Nicholas Harling

IT WAS Sod's Law. Nick Nurse had just been named coach of the month and Birmingham Bullets, his club, had just welcomed a crowd of 10,072, the best of the season in the Budweiser League, into the National Indoor Arena. So what did the Bullets go and do on Saturday but lose for the first time in 13 games to their title rivals, Sheffield Sharks. Not only that but their

captain, Nigel Lloyd, hurt his shooting hand, his right, so badly that he will almost certainly miss the crucial encounier against the champions, London Towers, on

"It's a really bad sprain," Lloyd said, "It's not broken but the movement is limited." By the time Lloyd, 35, fell awkwardly in the final quarter, cracking his head and hurting his wrist, the game was already slipping away from the Bullets, who succumbed 100-88.

The Bullets had to rely on Tony Dorsey even more than usual, the American obliging home by Derby Storm.

with 39 points, including three three-pointers, and causing his escort, Roger Huggins, to foul out 70 seconds from time. However, the Sharks were worthy winners, with Voise Winters and Todd Cauthorn each collecting 20 points. The title hopes of Chester

Jets have faded in recent weeks but, helped by the first nine points for them from Nigel Palmer, who finished with 23, they overcame Crystal Palace 83-80. Palace led 12-7 but trailed by 20 points before Solomon Ayinla and Paul Grant, who each scored 19, inspired the recovery.

Worthing Bears had Ed Harmon thrown out of their game at Manchester Giants en route to an 81-70 defeat. caused mainly by Mark Robinson's 23 points for the hosts. In the other games on

Saturday, the bottom club, Hemel and Watford Royals, supplied the game's top three scorers, led by Sam Stiller with 27 points, but they were still overwhelmed 112-83 at

Stalemate in continuing battle for control of rugby

WHATEVER happens in Cardiff on the final weekend of the five nations' championship this Saturday, the English game has made significant strides forward on the playing-field this season: would that the same were true of the sport's tortured political situation, which remained trapped in introspection in

Birmingham yesterday. The special general meeting of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) held at the National Exhibition Centre achieved none of the progress a weary public hoped for. Neither the RFU nor its opponents in the rank and file of the English game won the two-thirds majority required for the two most contentious motions, despite the strenuous advocacy of, among omers, rran count are in principle, by 388-280, but in British Lions team manager, and among others, Fran Cotton, the

Peter Brook, the union's senior vicepresident

Like two punch-drunk boxers, the protagonists will now carry the argument forward to the annual meeting in July. Some of the constitutional changes required may have been passed in Birmingham but it seems more evident than ever that the hostility, clearly demonstrated by the lobbying of both sides last week. between some of the union's present officers - paid and unpaid - will not permit them to co-operate on a long-

term basis. The union had hoped to persuade a sufficient number of clubs to approve its contention that the chairman of the new management board should be voted upon by the committee, and not by the country at large. They won

David Hands finds hostility prevailing as arguments

have to be carried forward to the annual meeting

practise that was insufficient for the motion to be carried, though Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the present executive committee, may wonder about his dwindling base of support

When he was elected as chairman in January last year, Brittle polled 647 votes against 332 for the RFU > own candidate. John Jeavons-Fellows. But during the intervening 14 months, the game at large has become thoroughly disenchanted with a governing body so clearly at

odds with itself and many sections of was not supported. That should the game at grass-mots level fear that it has contributed towards dwindling numbers willing to be involved with rughe either as administrators or as players.

It is worrying for the union that junior clubs in various geographical areas report that they are running lewer senior teams, and that they believe they do not receive the same consideration which is given to the vociferous senior clubs. That is an argument for the arrangement the top clubs have always sought, one organisation to run the professional end and another - the RFU - to attend efficiently to the needs of the 95

The main gleam of light for the RFL was that an amendment to advertise the post of chief executive ensure a degree of continuity if Tony Hallett moves smoothly from his present position of secretary to that of chief executive, though the possibility - probability? - remains that his opponents will continue to battle against it at the annual meeting on

The meeting voted almost unanimously to substitute the one job description for the other but the additional clause tabled by Manchester and Wigan that the new post should be advertised nationally and selected by a panel including the board of management chairman and three independent individuals, failed only by 390 votes to 271. Whether supporters of that amendment believe it justifies continuing the fight into the summer remains to be seen. Morag Preston goes on course to find her prejudices against golf being whacked over the horizon

The greenest swinger in town

railing a cumbersome bag of golf clubs in chase of an invisible white ball could only spoil a good walk - or so I thought. Frightful images of Pringle-clad corporate clones and exclusively male committees nearly put me off the notion altogether, so I approached my first golf lesson with all the excitement of a trip to the dentist.

Loved by leather-tanned celebrities, high-profile businessmen and wealthy football players alike, golf appeared to me to be the perfect leisure-time filler for Essex Man. It did not

look too strenuous, you did not come away caked in mud. and players had Best of all, after every cathartic stroke, there was always plenty of time to cross clubs in competitive business banter, stop for a tot of whisky or quench you thirst with a splash of something fruity if you happened to be somewhere sunny.

An estimated 1.5 mil-Jion Brits tee off abroad each year. The Costa del Sol, host to the Ryder Cup in September, is tipped to be this year's golfing hot spot and, until the Channel funnel fire, France was another favourite for weekend breaks. The number of public courses in the South East of England has exploded over the past five years, bringing the game to people who could not otherwise afford it. Pay-andplay clubs are popping up all over the place, and the stigma associated with private clubs is fading. All of which could

Costner in Tin Cup, last year's golfing movie, and by the emergence into a wider public's sight of the golfing Wunderkind Tiger Woods, the Asian-African-American pinup who is rarely seen without his trademark baseball cap - making my debut on one of the most English of courses. Hanbury Manor in Ware, Hertfordshire (where a golf-only debenture costs £7,000), is part of a new style of nonsexist, non-snobbish golf and health clubs. Though women are allowed to play

at the weekend, men are barred from wielding their clubs on a Thurs-

day morning. Tom Cruise and his wife Nicole Kidman, the snooker star Steve Davis, and the footballer Teddy Sheringham are regulars at the luxury club, which includes tennis courts, a beauty spa, 200 acres to amble over and an excellent restaurant. This is the conventturned-hotel made famous by Hello!, where Gazza and Sheryl threw a celebrity bash

to celebrate their marriage. Almost invisible under layers of warm clothing. I launched myself onto the picturesque course designed by Jack Nickaus II, under the wing of the club professional Peter Blaze. A former amateur for Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club, whose father, a vicar, introduced him to the delights of the game, Blaze was the perfect coach. Encouraging, ever optimistic and determined not to give up on me, he swung me through four intense

hours of lessons over two days. Much to

my initial disappointment. Blaze kept me

ding me from joining the throng of diamond-cut regulars.

Only after he had corrected my set-up position for the nth time was I given licence to hit the ball. I armed myself with an iron and we progressed to the swing. I found that the "interlocking grip" was best for me. To my annoyance, however, I missed the ball every time. My banana skin? Indelible memories of school sports; I was belting the ball with all the panache of a second-team hockey player. This is where a personal coach is invaluable— Blaze was able to point out the problem well before I struck oil. I threaded the club under my arms and behind my back, he showed me exactly how to bend my knees. and it worked. "Sweet as a nut," he sighed, as I hit my first faultless ball. "Golfers are thick. Try not to think about what you're doing."

s the largest commercial opera-tor of golf courses in the UK. .Clubs has created a programme called Golf Tuition. After you have had 12 lessons covering every aspect of the game, you will receive a certificate of competency, enabling you to play on any of Marriott's 14 manicured courses.

According to Blaze, however: "It's not what's in black and white, it's what

In front of the 100 year-old manor house (first mentioned in the Domesday Book), he led me to the putting green. I adapted my grip, stance, posture, and swing. But having only just got used to a wood (my favourite). I tended to overshoot the hole every time. Again, Blaze let me in on another complicated exercise to improve my alignment - "one to practise at home" - and it seemed to do the trick.



Morag Preston, in full golfing regalia, started out belting the ball with all the panache of a second team hockey player

Don't mean a thing if you can't get that swing: Morag Preston makes her debut at Hanbury Manor in Hertfordshire

THÉEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This hand was played in the Lederer Memorial Trophy at the

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(1) Showing a good raise in clubs with a singleton heart. (Z) "Five ace" Blackwood. (3) The response showed two of the five "aces" (the trump king counting as an ace), plus the queen of clubs.

After West's queen of spades lead it seemed likely that East's double of Five Spades showed he had the ace. So the declarer brightly ducked in dummy. Thus John Armstrong as East had to decide whether East had a singleton or doubleton spade. He eventually played low, and now declarer's spade losers later went away on dummy's

I think East might have deduced the queen of spades was singleton. After all, what would West (Nevena Deleva) lead if she had

Probably a small one, to give the declarer a guess if dummy came down with king-lack. Nicola Smith at another table also found the play of ducking the spade, and made her contract when East also ducked.

When Martin Hoffman was declarer in Six Clubs, the sequence had demonstrated that North had a spade control. So when West led the queen Martin played the king. He is as quick in the postmortem as he is in the play, and he assured us that it would be routine for West to lead the queen from AOx on the bidding. We all nodded sympathetically.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

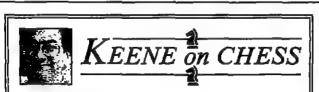
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WORD-W	ATCHING

By Philip Howard

FARFALLA a. A type of pasta b. A prostitute c. A butterfly

GRANONS a. The cat's whiskers h. The bran c. A great-grandmother

FOVILLA a. Pollen b. A washerwoman c. Hot ashes GOR tween them, they control so many squares. This position is a fine example. How did Black continue? a. An exclamation c. A sacred Hindu text Answers on page 43



Bxh5 Oxh5 f5

CHESS CORRESPONDENT Lautier wins After a series of modest results, the French grandmaster Joel Lautier has regained his form with a fine victory in the tournament at Ubeda in Spain. Ubeda ran more or less concurrently with the more glamorous competition in Linares

BY RAYMOND KEENE

and so attracted less attention. However, it was a powerful tournament in its own right, reaching category 16 on the World Chess Federation scale. White: Joel Laurier

Nt6 e6 tic6 Bd7 Be7 Oc67 Ob8 b6 Rd8 a6 Be8 Nd7 Nc5 g6 Bd7

Bg7 gxh5 Next5 Next5 Next5 Next6 Nex 41 Rg7+ 42 Re7 43 Bg3 44 NI7 45 Kh1 48 Oxd5 49 cxd5 50 Nb5 Nc7+ Ne6+ Nc7+ Nxa8+

Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Ubeda final crosstable

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene Black to play. This position is from the game Rosanes - Anderssen, Breslau 1863. Two bishops placed on adjacent diagonals can be a powerful attacking force as, be-

help for the teams, consisting

appeal to beginners, seek out the professional at your local municipal golf club. Four one-hour lessons, at about £20 an hour, ought to be a good start. All professionals charge about the same price. Proprietary or pay-and-play clubs, charge between £10-£15 a round, while private members clubs are more expensive, between £10-£30.

This year's fashionable golfers are wearing bright colours from Reebok, sponsored by the flamboyant Greg Norman, better known as the "Great White Shark". But discreet trousers, a polo shirt, and sweater, even if they are not

LESSONS are essential. There are three types of club;

municipal clubs, traditional clubs owned by private members, and more recently proprietary clubs, which are often associated with hotels. If a weekend away does not Ashworth or Pringle, will do just as well for a beginner. The wearing of jeans and trainers are forbidden by most clubs. however. Golfing trousers, a shirt, jumper, socks, and a hat, will cost about £200. Golfing shoes by Foot-Joy or Stylo can cost anything from £40 to £100.

"You can't buy the game" is a mantra that first-time golfers would be well-advised to remember. A half-set of clubs (five irons, a puttter, wood, and bag) for beginners will cost about £100 from Wilson or Mizuno, or twice that for a full-set. Scouring the local papers for a second-hand set of clubs is a cost-cutting alternative.

● The Golf Foundation (for children under 18), 01920 484044: English Golf Union, 01526.354500

Altogether now

🐧 ood teamwork is vital to success in many sports. It is also vital to success in business. So it is scarcely surprising that many of the most esteemed companies in Britain enter the annual Mitel Challengers Tro-

phy with such relish. Companies find that the spectacular event, which combines both mental and athletic skills, helps to bind together their employees, strengthens their esprit de corps and develops their individual ability. For this year's event, to be held in the Ribble Valley in Lancashire. July 9 to 12, 60 teams have already entered. April 25 is the closing date and a maximum of 100 entries can

be accepted. The latest team to enter is from GCHQ, the government intelligence-gathering organisation, which may have the advantage over its rivals in solving codes and logic problems but will also have to cover up to 70km, using watercraft, mountain bikes, zip wires and feet. GCHQ's team number is, of course, 007. Physical fitness is certainly a

Company teams line up for the annual sporting challenge

of six employees, male and female, of whom four particifor non-specialist climbers. pate at any one time. It is not Peter Bishop, the managing director of Challenger UK, the

the event is team spirit, the ability to make swift decisions under pressure, loyalty to events organiser, has deliberately designed the event to be physically demanding than in other European countries. In France. it includes climbing Mont Blanc, which is hardly a reasonable challenge

is not about getting people to do things they do not want to do, although I like to think I am a good motivator as well as a good trainer." The nearest equivalent in

Bishop says: "The essence of



team members and a commitment to personal excellence. It weekends.

> Many companies, including American Express, BT, Shell and Nuclear Electric, have used the trophy as part of their personnel training and development programme. The event also helps to raise money. The official charity this year is the Royal National institute for the Blind.

 Companies wanting to enter should contact Challenger UK on 0141-221 7300.

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ever, requires a wider range of physical and mental skills. Bishop says: "We try to make the competitors think all the time they are on the go."
Last year C. T. Bowring, the insurance broker, took the title, and its women's team

came second. The Bowring team trained together for three Geoffrey Maitland-Jones. the team captain, explained:

sporting terms is orienteering.

The Mitel Challenge, how-

"We tried to produce our own Challenger-type stages, where there would be some logic problems and map-reading. and we made it physically demanding."

JOHN GOODBODY

Bromsgrove revel in victory after long wait

By JOHN GOODBODY

OF ALL the girls national championships, perhaps only netball generates greater en-thusiasm among schools than hockey. With the sport enjoying a regular place on the Olympic programme and the Great Britain women just missing the bronze medal in a penalty shoot-out in Atlanta. hockey has a status that many other activities envy.

The finals of British Aero-

space championships, which took place at Milton Keynes last week, were the climax of a national tournament that this winter attracted 1.800 schools and brought ultimate victories for Bromsgrove School, Worcester, in the under-18s and Gordano, Bristol, in the under-los competitions.

Watching with dispassion-ate interest was Maggie Souyave, the director of player performance with the All-England Women's Hockey Association. She said: "If you compare our junior level with other countries at the highest level. I think we have a good understanding and knowledge of the game but we can improve our personal fitness and skill levels.

Often we need to put 'pace on the hit'. We simply don't hit the ball hard enough. Often we need to control and pass, rather than control, dribble

"IF WE don't cross the line

first, we haven't won the

Head," Richard Phelps, the

Thames RC coach, said before

the Women's Eights Head on Saturday (Mike Rosewell writes). The self-evident com-

ment for most sports had special significance for his

crew, with five athletes from

the Olympic Games in Atlanta

on board, who were starting

fourth with three fast crews

a veteran of three Olympics.

and controlled by Suzie Ellis,

Great Britain's Olympic cox,

duly conformed. Ellis steered

her crew past Tideway Scull-

ers at Barnes and overhauled

Cambridge's Boat Race crew

along Chiswick Eyot, before

sweeping past London Uni-

versity's crew of international

Thames then waited anx-

aspirants in the last mile.

ahead of them.

ROWING

Ellis steers her way

to fifth Head title

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SPORT IN SCHOOLS

and pass. That said, we still want to keep the individual creative side of the game."

One girl who impressed with her goalscoring in the finals was Fiona Gibson, from Bromsgrove, an England under-18 international. Her six goals led her school, the Midlands champions, to four consecutive victories against,

the other regional winners. Caroline Ralph, the head of girls' PE at Bromsgrove, said: She wants to score goals. Whereas others might step back in the circle, she wants to be in there.

Their decisive victory came against Cheltenham Ladies College, where Ralph had taught for the previous six years. "Although my loyalties were slightly divided, I felt physically sick beforehand with nerves," she said. "We put pressure on them at every possible opportunity and

iously to see two fancied late starters, a crew of Holland

internationals from Utrecht.

and a crew of other British

hopefuls from Marlow, but

they posed no threat to

Thames's superiority, which

produced a 16-second winning.

custion over Marlow. The

result was consolation for

Ellis, who, since Atlanta, has

failed to gain selection with

Cambridge's men but was

given a day off from her

The large time differences

between the established inter-

nationals in the Thames and

Marlow crews and the rest of

the pack was perhaps worry-

ing, but there is clearly student

talent at London, Cambridge

and Imperial College, who

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her fifth Head title.

ve crew duties to achieve



Martine Gunter, right, of Gordano, the under-16 winners, in full stride in her team's 4-0 triumph over Queenswood

Cheltenham started making mistakes. To win 3-0 was a fantastic result."

It was Bromsgrove's first victory in the 17 years of the tournament and the team, containing three other internationals, Lucilla Wright, her sister, Sally, and Liz Fox, only conceded one goal in the

finals. The under-16 competition was tighter. Gordano totalled ten points. They finished one point clear of Queenswood, of Hertfordshire, whose squad contained several of the team

A WEEK into the fourth leg of

the BT Global Challenge,

which takes the 14-strong fleet

from Sydney to Cape Town,

the crews are experiencing typically unpleasant, cold and

windy conditions as they

track westwards towards the

Kerguelen Islands with Tas-

With the finish still 5,000

miles to the northwest, the

boats are tightly bunched.

Only about 100 miles sepa-

rate the joint leaders, Global

Teamwork and Save The

Children, from the back

In the past few days, however, the key has been the decision by the leading skip-

pers, Merfyn Owen and Andy

Hindley, to head south as

quickly as possible to an area

winds. At the end of last week,

several yachts to the north of

the pack found the wind abating, allowing Teamwork.

to the south, to move from

twelfth position into the lead.

So far, the leg has produced

spectacular thunderstorms

and at least one dose of severe weather in which winds

gusted to more than 70 knots.

although there have been no

reported injuries or damage.

Yesterday the fleet was beat-

ing under much-reduced sail

Group 4, the overall race leader, is in fourth position

for this leg and Mike Gol-

ding's crew have found the

a long, hard slog to Cape Town," they reported. "We

going tough. "It's going to be

against 25-30 knot westerlies.

stronger and steadier

marker, Timé & Tide.

mania now well astern.

that finished second in the Aberdare tennis cup last summer and third in the national skiing championships.

Pete Atwell, coach to the England under-18 side, has built up an impressive reputation at Gordano, taking the senior schools' title two years ago. The outstanding players represent the local Portishead club every Saturday to gain

extra experience. He said: "We are trying to develop players with athleticism. Hockey is now a fast game and it is getting faster. It

SAILING

Leaders find storm shelter as

Challenge fleet goes west

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent .

seem to be making such slow

progress and, with a series of

fronts on their way giving

westerly winds, it doesn't look

like there's much better to

come. It seems at the moment

that any small gain is fol-lowed by a small loss."

In the Vendée Globe non-

stop single-handed round-the-

world race. Pete Goss. of

Great Britain, has picked up

the northeast trade winds

after crossing the doldrum

belt. Goss is reaching on a

direct course for the finish in

steady easterlies, which are

pushing Aqua Quorum along

"Aqua Quorum is in good condition," Goss reported yes-

terday. "My generator is

GLOBAL CHALLENGE

LATEST POSITIONS

14. Time & Tide

7. Concert

Fourth leg:

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the 50°S Children

at an average of nine knots.

it is speed of thought. We try to stretch play out and exploit the space behind the opposing players."
This was what they did in

the game against Queens-wood, who had been more impressive in the two morning matches. Gordano outplayed Queenswood, winning 4-0, and, with both schools victorious in their final matches, took the title by the single point.

Dame Alice Harpur, of Bedford, may have finished last, with two points, but in Lucy

working well, but I still have

to pump water for the cooling

which takes three to four

hours a day. I can concentrate

on sailing the boat. I even

During the past week, Goss

has caught and overtaken the

only other competitor still

racing, the Frenchwoman,

Catherine Chabaud, on the 60ft Whirlpool Europe 2.

70 miles shead of her with an

estimated finish date at Les

Sables d'Olonne of March 22.

The Briton looks likely to

finish fifth overall, even after

his 13-day compensation for

the rescue of Raphael Dinelli

is taken into account.

Yesterday Goss was about

have time to read a little."

Apart from that,

Penfound, 12, they possesse the youngest player to have been selected for the England under-16 team to play in the Home Countries tournament this month.

Angie Grafton, the head of PE, said: "When Lucy started playing three years ago you could see she was going to be so good just by the way she walked and took hold of the

"Her stick-work skills are very good and, in shooting, she can undercut the ball. She is a girl to watch."

BOWLS

Showpiece returns to

HISTORY will be made at the Provincial Towns club. Ballymoney, this morning when the British Isles indoor championships and home international series - the showpiece of British grass-roots bowls - returns to Northern Ireland for the first time since 1970 (David Rhys Jones

Although this is essentially an amateur event, all the sport's leading men, including Hugh Duff and Tony Allcock, the respective world indoor and outdoor singles champions, will be there, because being selected for your country is still regarded as the

the game.
John Price, of Swansea, the holder of the singles title, has been drawn to play the Scottish champion, Robert Mar-shall, in the semi-finals, and Mark Bantock, Desborough (Maidenhead), takes on the Irish champion,

Neil Booth. Boston's women bowlers equalled a record that Richmond had held for 18 years when they won the women's national inter-club championship for the fourth time at the New Earswick club, York, on

Saturday.
Teignbridge, their final op-ponents, who were regarded as rank outsiders, held their own for the first five ends. But they capitulated in the second half, when the Lincolnshire team's victory charge was led by Chris Hiom, who skipped

POSITIONS (with mass to Capo Town is at 13.50 GMT yesterday). 1, Save The Children 4.999. 2. Global Teamwine 5.001. 3. Toshipa Wave Warrior 5.013. 4. Group 4.5.019. 5. Pause To R. Herman, 4.679. 6. Microsolu 5.031. 7. Concert 5.039. 8. Countaild's International 5.041. 9. Commander and Concert 5.047. (0. Ocean Soviet 5.035). 1. Nuclear Electric 5.070, 12. Health Inspect 8.5.066. 13. 3.Com 5.093. 14. Time & Tude 5.096.

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JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth v Eastleigh

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OTHER SPORT

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Palace (7:30), Trames Valley v Leopards
(8.0); Worthing v Hernel and Wathord (8:0),
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Nethrochem (8:30). Sheffield v Bezingstoke (6.35); Bracknei Nottingham (6.30). SWIMMING: Breigh grand prix meeting (at Cardif)

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Huddersfield v Weightey (3.30); Hull v
Widnes (3.15) Waterleid v Whaterlaven
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This week's football, page 30

Lawyers spot a lucrative field of play

ome weeks it seems that sport stars are busier fighting in the courtroom than on the pitch. The Grobbelaar bribery case, which concluded last week, left everyone dissatisfied except the lawyers, who will have the chance to claim further appearance fees at a retrial. Elsewhere. Welsh rugby union found itself in the dock over its disciplinary proce-dure, while yet another footballer, Crystal Palace's Darren Pitcher, is preparing to take an opponent to court to win damages over a career-

threatening injury. Sport used to be able to muddle through these kind of problems without recourse to courts. Most governing bodies took an amateur approach to business affairs and were happier dealing with problems using committees composed of the great and the good. But with the increasing sums of money scattered throughout the sporting world, gentlemen's agreements and verbal contracts no longer guarantee agreemeni

Inevitably, there are a grow-ing number of lawyers who have spotted a growing market and begun to hone their sports skills. There are even

two academic departments — at Manchester Metropolitan and Anglia Polytechnic universities — dedicated to exploring the issues surrounding sport

and the law. is tough' Sport is finding dealing with the

courts especially tough because there is no such thing as a specialist "sports law" to resolve disputes. There is not even an agreed definition of what constitutes a sport leaving court battles to be fought with legal principles devised for rather different industries. The Bosman case, for example, showed that European footall had been employing restrictions for years that were not tenable.

in another recent case that sent shock waves through sport, the judge in the trial of Mark Jones — the Swansea rugby player who took the Welsh Rugby Union to court over a suspension for fighting - described sport authorities as "naive" to believe that disciplinary decisions could not be challenged. Overturning the ban, while an appeal is being prepared, the judge warned that sanctions, such as suspensions, have economic consequences that could bring authorities into conflict with the courts. One of the complaints of Jones, who was at risk of losing win bonuses of up to £10,000 while suspended, was that he was allowed no



legal representation at th hearing.

Sports and legal bodies are slowly beginning to respond to the challenge posed by the increasing use of the courts to settle disputes. The Law Commission has offered some guidelines on one of the most contentious issues - legal claims for injuries suffered during sport. The commission has argued that no person should be held guilty of an offence if an injury occurs in the course of playing or practising a recognised sport in

accordance with the rules. But this definition still leaves the door ajar for claims based on arguments that the injury was suffered because of illegal play. The floodgates appear to be opening with Darren Pitcher becoming the latest footballer to take to the courts, suing Paul Reid, of

Huddersfield, for £500,000 over a 'Sport is tackle that has virtually ended his career, Italian authorities have meanwhile taken injury claims to with courts their logical ex-Frank Williams -

finding

dealing

the head of the motor racing team - with manslaughter in Italy after the death of Ayrton Senna.
But it is not just at the

professional end of the game that lawyers are finding regular employment. Ben Smoldon - a former schoolboy rugby player who was paralysed after a scrum collapsed - last year won a negligence claim against the referee. The case raised the spectre of referees and especially volunteers who do not have the legal support of a referee's association — becoming responsible for huge

damages claims. With sports authorities, referees and players all in the firing line of the law, sport faces a nightmare scenario where legal intervention could cause total chaos - as nearly happened this year with the five nations' championship. Sports authorities must work hard to make their sports legally watertight - perhaps following the lead of the Atlanta Olympics and devise contracts to ensure that internal disciplinary procedures are legally binding.

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Tenants' rights avoided

in transfer of building

The scheme involved the setting

up of the defendant company as a

subsidiary of TWD. By a property

sale agreement TWD agreed to sell the building to the defendant for

£15,750,000. To finance the sale

TWD agreed to advance to the

defendant £15,750,000 on the terms

TWD also entered into a prop

erry sale agreement with the purchaser to sell the two £1 issued

shares in the defendant and the

loan notes, conditionally on completion of the property sale

agreement. The purchaser also had the benefit of a placing

Over £10,000,000 of the consid-

eration was satisfied by new placing shares, which were listed

on the Stock Exchange as a condition precedent to that

Completion of both the share

sale agreement and property sale agreement took place on March 25. By mistake the property transfer was dated March 24, whereas the

share transfer was correctly dated

sale by TWP and the defendant.

The residents' association sought

information under section 11 of the

1987 Act. some of which was

supplied although the defendant

denied their entitlement to it. The senants nevertheless failed to serve

required by section 12. The plain-

iffs did not begin proceedings

The disposal of a registered

took place on the execution of the transfer in unconditional form, not

on the date of registration: see

Mainwaring v Trustees of Henry Smith's Charity (The Times Feb-ruary 20, 1996; [1996] 3 WLR (033).

The transfer of the freehold to

the defendant was accepted as a

relevant disposal unless it was

excepted by section 4(2)(I) of the 1987 Act as a disposal to an

associated company. What had to be looked at was the moment of

The parties clearly intended the

property transfer to become un-conditional prior to the share transfer. The evidence established

that shares were not transferred until after the transfer of the building had been executed un-

Access rights warning

notice within three months as

The tenants were informed of the

of loan notes.

agreement

unuil 1996.

conditionally on March 25. The prima facie evidence of March 24

on the company register was

rebutted. The register ought to be

the relevant moment, a subsidiary

of TWD and therefore also of TWP

depended on whether section 736A(5) mok the case outside

Companies Act 1989 to comply

with EC law on group accounts,

and provided a more precise

definition of control through the

exercise of majority voting power than had previously applied.

the tenants had to show that the

voting rights attaching to the

shares were held in a fiduciary capacity. But this was no ordinary

Even where shares were the

subject of an uncompleted, un-conditional contract, as here, the

vendor decided how to cast the

relevant votes without direction

from the purchaser: Musselwhite v C. H. Musselwhite & Son Ltd

(1962) Ch 964). The tenams could not therefore establish that when the building was transferred unconditionally the defendant was other than a subsidiary of TWP.

On the original version of sec-

On the original version of sec-

tion 736 in the 1985 Act the result

might well have been different. The change was a seemingly forminous result of an amendment

to harmonise the rules about

consolidation of group accounts in

It might fairly be said that the scheme used took a perfectly senuine and sensible exception to

the 1987 Act and turned it into a

gaping loophole. It was not pos-sible, however, to construe tech-nical sections of the Companies Act

1985 of wide application more narrowly, even if incidentally the results had an unexpected impact

on the 1987 Act: Belvedere Court Management Ltd v Frogmore Developments Ltd ([1996] 3 WLR

At the time the building was

transferred to the defendant, it was

relevant disposal. It followed that

Solicitors: Merriman White &

Italian law, it could still be

Recent Court of Appeal de-

wrongful under the Convention.

member states.

1008, 1022).

the action failed.

To come within section 736A(5)

section 736(i).

Whether the defendant was, at

Whether words bear defamatory meaning

papers Ltd Gillan v Same Goscomb v Same

Watton v Same Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice

Hutchison **Liudement February 27**

A judge asked to rule whether words complained of in an action for defamation were capable of bearing the meaning alleged by the plaintiff should evaluate the words complained of and delimit the range of meanings of which they were reasonably capable, exercising his own judgment in the light of the authorities. The de-cision should not be treated in the same way as an application to strike out part of the pleadings.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the defendants. News Group Newspapers. publishers of the News of the World, against a decision of Sir Michael Davies on May 19, 1995 dismissing the defendants' sum-mons under Order 82, rule 3A of the Rules of the Supreme Court to termine whether the words in that newspaper complained of by PC Gerald Mapp. PC Bernard James Gillan, PC Paul John Goscomb and Sgr Robert Watton in separate libel actions were capable of bearing the meaning attributed to them in the statement

Order 82, rule 3A provides: "(I) At any time after service of the

Ltd v Farrell and Others

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord

Justice Peter Gibson and Mr Justice Buckley

Following a consent order a High

Court judge retained jurisdiction to resolve a dispute in relation to

The Court of Appeal so held

allowing the appeal of Electricity Supply Nominees Ltd from the decision on February 2, 1996 of Judge Bowsher, QC, sitting on, official referee's business, whereby

the plaintiff's application for lib-

erty to enter judgment for interest on taxed costs was refused.

Following a settlement, a con-

sent order was made by the court

staying the plaintiff's proceedings against the defendants under

rder 22. rule 4 of the Rules of the

Supreme Court and enabling the

plaintiff to withdraw the defen-

The plaintiff's solicitors were

dilatory in lodging their bill of costs and the defendants refused to

pay interest on the costs for the whole period from the date of the

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[Judgment February 3]

interest on costs.

for an order determining whether or not the words complained of are capable of bearing a particular meaning or meanings attributed to them in the pleadings.

"(2) If it appears to the judge on the hearing of an application under paragraph (1) that none of the words complained of are capable of bearing the meaning or meanings attributed to them in the pleadings, he may dismiss the daim or make such other order or give such judgment in the proceedings as may be just."

Mr James Price, QC, for the lefendants; Mr Thomas Shields. QC, for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that in actions for defamation. where questions as to the meaning of the words complained of were in issue, as they nearly always were, the functions of the judge and the jury had always been different.

It was for the judge to rule, when asked to do so, whether the words were capable of bearing a particular meaning or meanings alleged in the statement of claim, in other range of possible defamatory meanings of which the words were capable. It was for the jury to determine the actual meaning of the words within that permissible

Traditionally, any such ruling had been sought and given at the trial itself, unless tried as a reliminary issue, and any earlier interlocutory proceedings were confined to summons to strike out under Order 18, rule 19, which applied only in plain and obvious

Power to resolve costs dispute

order, inter alia, that the stay of

proceedings be removed so that

enforcement proceedings could be commenced as the defendants

were in breach of the consent

ground that once money paid into court had been accepted, or leave

to take the money out had been

iven, the court ceased to have

urisdiction in the matter and all

costs matters were handed over to

Mr Jeremy Morgan for the plaintiff; Mr Roger Stewart for the second, third and fourth defen-dants; the first defendant took no

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY

said that the defendants contended

that once the consent order was made the High Court had dis-

charged its function save for the

limited functions delegated to the taxing master; those functions

were not wide enough to enable a

taxing master to resolve disputes as to recovery of interest on costs

and the only remedy was to

The plaintiff sumitted that the

court retained jurisdiction, once a consent order had been made, to

make the order it sought and that it

commence fresh proceedings.

the taxing master.

part in the appeal.

cases. In September 1994, Order 82, rule 3A had replaced the old Order 18, rule 19, strike-out procedure. In rejecting the defendants' summons, the judge had referred to the tendency of the courts to leave a meaning to the jury unless it was a very clear-out case that should be struck out.

Mr Price had suggested that was too high a test, and harked back to the Order 18, rule 19 procedure.

In his Lordship's judgment the proper role for the judge when adjudicating a question under Order 82, rule 3A was to evaluate the words complained of and to delimit the range of meanings of which the words were reasonably capable exercising his own judg-ment in the light of the principles ment in the ingit of the principles laid down in Slim v Daily Telegraph ([1968] 2 OB 157, 174); Lewis v Daily Telegraph ([1964] AC 234, 257); Jones v Skelton ([1968] 1 WLR 1306); and Morgan v Odhams Press Ltd ([1971] 1 WLR 1239, 1251) and without any Order 18, rule 19

ground, still be open to the plaintiff at the trial to rely on any lesser defamatory meanings within the permissible range, but not on any anings outside it

The whole purpose of the new rule was to enable the court to fix in advance the ground rules on permissible meanings, which were of such cardinal importance in defamation actions, not only for the purpose of assessing the degree ation, but also for the purpose of evaluating any defences raised, in

It was accepted that in practice

ever since 1838 courts at all levels

had on many occasions exercised the jurisdiction for which the

plaintiff contended; his Lordship referred to In re London Wharfing

and Warehousing Co ((1885) 54 LJ Ch 1137) and Boswell v Coals ((1887) 57 LJ Ch 101).

valiantly to meet the weight of authority, in his Lordship's judg-ment they had failed to do so.

The arguments of the plaintiff

were of such strength that the issue

should be resolved in its favour with the result that the judge did have jurisdiction to resolve the

Having considered the case of Hunr v R. M. Douglas (Roofing) Ltd ([1990] 1 AC 398), on a true construction of the relevant con-

Although the defendants strove

particular justification and fair

That applied with particular force in such cases as the instant where there was a defence of justification of a lesser meaning than that pleaded in the statement

The plaintiffs who were police officers complained of an article in the newspaper on February 2, 1992

"Drug quiz cop kills himself
"Police Sergeant Gerry Caroll
killed himself after being ordered provide information about excolleagues accused of peddling drugs. Sgt Caroli, 46, shot himself through the head in a cell. He was custody officer with the drugs squad in Stoke Newington, North London, when eight fellow officers were alleged to have been involved in drug dealing and bribery. The accused officers have been transan investigation is carried out."

The pleaded defamatory mean-

The said words in their natural and ordinary meaning meant and were understood to mean that the plaintiff was guilty of involvement in drug dealing and bribery, that Sergeant Caroll had been in a position to know this because he had been working with the plain-tiff at the time, and that he had otherwise have to confirm the

ing at issue in the instant proceed-

Mr Price had submitted that no reasonably fair minded person reading that item in the News of the World would infer actual guilt

as contrasted with suspicion, let alone actual guilt against all eight

Michaels and Another v Har-

ley House (Marylebone) Ltd

The commercial sale of a block of

fints did not give rise to statutory rights of pre-emption in favour of

qualifying renants under Part I of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987

because the building was transferred by the landlord to an

associated company within section 736A(5) of the Companies Act 1985,

as amended by the Companies Ac

1989, and therefore the transfer

ection 736 of the Companies Act

1985 provides: "[1] A company is a subsidiary of another company, its 'holding company, if that other company — [a) holds a majority of the voting rights in it, or [b) is a member of it and has the right to

appoint or remove a majority of its

subsidiary of a company which is itself a subsidiary of that other

Rights held by a person in a fiduciary capacity shall be treated as not held by him."

ard of directors ... or if it is a

Section 736A provides: "(5)

Mr John Mowbray, QC and Mr

Edward Cousins for the plaintiffs; Mr Kim Lewison, QC and Mr Anthony Tauney for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that

the landlords, Taylor Woodrow Property Company Ltd ("TWP") found a purchaser for the freehold

of the building early in 1993. At about the same time the recently

formed residents' association ex-

pressed an interest in acquiring the

so effect a commercial sale of the

building without giving rise to statutory rights of pre-emption in

favour of the qualifying tenants.

The landlord had sold the build-

ing to its subsidiary, Taylor Wood-

row Development Ltd ("TWD") for

ehold. The landlords accordngly adopted a method intended

Before Mr Justice Lloyd

[Judgment March 3]

Mr Shields had submitted that in contrast to Lewis v Daily Telegraph the instant case did not involve a bare assertion that the officers in question were being investigated but highlighted the fact that their sergeant committed suicide rather than provide information about their activities. with the strong implication that he would have provided incriminat-ing information against them but

his suicide. His Lordship did not think it had that effect, since to his Lordship's mind Set Caroll's suicide could be interpreted by a reason-able reader in a number of different ways.

was not a "relevant disposal under section 4 of the 1987 Act. Mr Justice Lloyd, sitting in the Chancery Division, so held, dismissing an action by Harvey and Valentina Michaels, seeking Lant Blackburn had observed in Capital and Counties Bank v Henty ((1832) 7 App Cas 741, 786) that where there were a number of information as qualifying tenants on the disposal of the freehold of possible meanings it was not reasonable to pick only on the one most defamatory to the plaintiff. Harley House, Marylebone Road. In the light of Lees v Daily Telegraph it would be virtually unarguable to suggest that the words cumplained of imputed actual guilt, unless their meaning London, by Taylor Woodrow Property Co Ltd.

was transformed by the reference to Sgt Caroll's suicide. Consequently in his Lordship's judgment the words were incapable of imputing actual guilt to any of the eight officers and the

Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Hutchison agreed. Solicitors: Farrer & Co; Russell

No compensation for company

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Atlantic Commer-

dal (UK) Ltd Before Mr Justice Popplewell **Liudement February 25**

Compensation for a miscarriage of justice was only payable to a natural person and could not be paid to a company.

the date of the consent order and master's certificate.

Mr Justice Buckley agreed. Solicitors: Eversheds; Warner Cranston. Southwark and Reyn-

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing the application of At-lantic Commercial (UK) Ltd for judicial review by way of certiorari to quash the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to refuse ex gratia compensation as well compensation under section 133 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and the secretary of state to pay the

the Judgments Act 1838 ran from compensation. Section 133 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 provides: "(I) ... when a person has been

Lord Justice Peter Gibson and convicted of a criminal offence and subsequently his conviction has been reversed ... the secretary of

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person who has suffered punishment as a result of such conviction..."

process by the prosecut

Mr Peter irvin for the applicant: Mr Nigel Pleming, QC, for the

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that simply reading section 133 it seemed to his Lordship that it was entirely inappropriate to cover the position of a company.

The matter did not rest there. His Lordship was entitled to look at article 14.6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966) (United Nations General Assembly Resolution 21/2200A) which it was quite clear was the forerunner of the

The covenant was intended to apply to natural individuals and not to companies

The next aspect of the case was to look at ex gratia payments, which secretary of state's written answer to a House of Commons questions of November 29, 1985.

It was abundantly clear that those were not intended to cover a company. Such payments related to people who had been in custody. Solicitors: Liddell Zurbrugg: Treasury Solicitor.

The applicant had been charged with being knowingly concerned in the exportation of prohibited goods contrary to section 68 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 but on July 19, 1994 the Court of Appeal quashed the conviction because of abuse of

tained the bare title to the property From the wording of section 133 S v H (Abduction: Access

itself his Lordship was of the view that the contrary was the intention and it did appear that section 133 was not intended to cover a

allow rights of access to a child to metamorphose into rights of custody when hearing cases concern-Mrs Justice Hale so held in the Family Division in a reserved judgment handed down in chambers and reported with leave, when return of a child under articles and 12 of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International

rights)

Before Mrs Justice Hale

Judgment February 20

The courts should be reluctant to

and Custody Act 1985, because the plaintiff father had failed to show that he had rights of custody under either Italian law or under the Mr Henry Setright for the father; Mr Richard Scarratt for the

Child Abduction 1980, set out in Schedule I to the Child Abduction

MRS JUSTICE HALE said that the mother, a United Kingdom

national, who was not married to the Italian father, had lived in Italy since 1974 and their child was born there in 1989. In 1990 the Italian courts awarded the mother cus-

tody, with access to the father. Mother and child came to England in 1996. The father began proceedings for the return of the child to Italy and the question arose as to what rights he had under Italian law and whether those rights amounted to rights of custody under the Hague Conven-

tion of 1980. There was conflicting evidence Italian Civil Code; however on the facts, the father had not proved that he had anything other than a right to watch over the child's education and living conditions, together with a right to access ice a week and in the holidays. Clearly those rights were only compatible with close proximity of father and son but they did not mount to rights of custody under

Italian law. However, even if the removal was not prohibited in

cisions, see In re B (a Minor) (Abduction) (1994) 2 FLR 249) and C v C (Abduction: Rights of custody) (1989) 1 WLR 654), appeared to support the contention the child's interests could change one type of right into another; and that the English courts should be strenuous in their efforts to construe the Convention broadly and In re F (a Minor) (Abduction: Custody rights abroad) [11995]

rights of custody.

When fear causes loss of memory

Regina v Waters Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Harrison and Mr Justice

(Judgment February 18) Where a trial judge was satisfied that a witness's apparent inability to remember relevant evidence was brought about by fear, the witness's earlier statement could be admitted in evidence under section 23(1) and (3)(b) of the

Criminal Justice Act 1988. A witness who had given some evidence, had further relevant evidence to give in accordance with his statement and was expected to give it but did not do so, came within the provisions of that section.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Scott Martin Waters against his conviction by a 10-2 majority on December 21, 1955 in Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court (Judge Wood and a jury) of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm on which he was senten to live years imprisonment.

Section 23 of the 1988 Act

person in a document shall be edmissible in criminal proceed-ings as evidence of any fact of which direct oral evidence by him would be admissible if — . . . (3)(b) . . . the person who made it does

Mr Timothy Parkin, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant, Mr Paul Batty, QC, who did not appear below, and Miss Beatrice Bolton for the

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY. giving the judgment of the court, said that at about lam on Sunday November 28, 1993 a doorman at a club received knife wounds to his leg. The victim made a witness statement identifying the appellant as one of two assailants.

However, in October 1995 he gave a further witness statement in which he said that although he had not received direct threats he had been told that if he continued to support the prosecution he and his family would be in danger.

He would no longer support the prosecution and would be unwillg to attend court to give evidence. When the case came to trial the victim gave evidence but said that he could not identify his assailants. The prosecution applied for the earlier statement to be admitted pursuant to section 23 because, it was contended, the witness was not giving oral evidence through

Following a voire dire the judge concluded that the evidence should be admitted. He said that section 23 of the 1988 Act applied to a situation where a witness came to court and ceased to give evidence through fear saying words to the effect that he could not now

The judge further said that that was an increasingly popular phenomenon in the North East and one that was clearly intended to circumvent the provisions of the

The first ground of appeal concerned the judge's admission of the statement. The victim had given some evidence before the application for the statement to be mitted was made so that on one reading of the words "does not give oral evidence" in section 23(3)(b) the section could not be invoked. That was not an interpretation that commended itself to the

Divisional Court in R . Ashford Justices. Ex parts Hilden [[1993] QB 555), in which some difference of judicial opinion was disclosed as to the full import of the words. In their Lordships' judgment

what mattered was whether or not there was, at the time when the section was invoked, any relevant evidence which the witness was still expected to give.
If there was such evidence it could properly be said that the witness was in the position that he

had not given that evidence, and if it was shown to the criminal standard of proof that he did not give that oral evidence through fear, the requirement of section 23(3)(b) was satisfied. There was no doubt that the trial judge was entitled to conclude that the requirement was satisfied in

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

Fam 224, 236).

However, given the clear distinction drawn in the Convention between rights of custody and rights of access, on the facts, this case fell on the other side of the line and accordingly it was not possible to conclude that there had been wrongful removal in breach of the

Solicitors: Hornby Ackroyd & Levy; Herrington & Carmichael,

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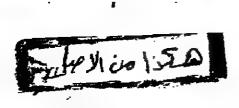
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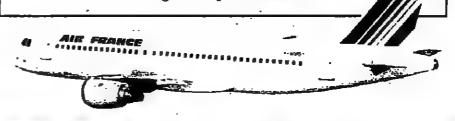
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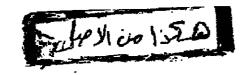
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MICHAEL CLARK

UB needs more than a crumb of comfort

UNITED BISCUITS: Eric Nicoli, no longer the bright, young, new broom, has had six years to sort out also envisaged at 35p. The speciality end of the group will have benefited from shedding peripherthe problems of Britain's biscuits and snacks champion. The City, hitherto patient, will be looking for full-year figures that show a significantly improved performance on Thursday from the group that owns the Phileas Fogg brand, and McVitie and KP, after a period of

restructuring. NatWest Securities forecasts that pre-tax profits will rebound from £23 million to £109 million, while earnings per share jump from less than Ip to 14.4p. Profits are expected to be up in the group's domestic operations, such as snacks, Ross Young's and biscuits, with the benefit of lower raw material costs filtering through. But investors will want to know that marketing has not been sacri-

ficed to bolster short-term profits. The results will be tarnished by further exceptional losses in excess of £100 million. Disposal of Ross Vegetables for £44 million, announced in December, will dilute earnings, and the snacks division will again be held back by the price war with PepsiCo's Walkers.

ZENECA: After January's comprehensive trading update, tomorrow's full-year figures are likely to contain few surprises. Last week's warning from the US Food and Drug Administration about production standards should not ruffle any feathers. UBS, the broker, is looking for a further healthy increase in earnings. Pre-tax profits are expected to be up about 14 per cent to top £1 billion, with earnings 13 per cent better at 70.3p per share.

ORANGE: Increased losses should dominate full-year figures tomorrow, although the market is unlikely to be too perturbed. The deficit is expected to grow from £197 million to £239 million, with the loss per share up 21 per cent to 19.9p. Brokers say that Orange is meeting all its targets, with 404,000 new subscribers recorded in the past year. Revenues will have soared from £228 million to £614 million because of the inclusion of French and German service providers and a change of accounting policy on the sale of handsets. Once again there is no dividend.

REED INTERNATIONAL Brokers will pay close attention to final figures on Wednesday, in the wake of December's profits warning. News is expected on the sale of the remaining consumer books division. After the latest restructuring, Reed will rely heavily on scientific and legal publishing for growth. Despite recent downgradings.

analysts expect pre-tax profits of £879 million, up 7 per cent. Reed has spent about EiSO million on acquisitions in the past year and these should be contributing. But a softening in the travel information market will not help. Nor will currency fluctuations. Shareholders should be rewarded with a 10 per cent higher payout of 27p.

RENTOKIL INITIAL: On Wednesday all eyes will again be focused on whether the group has achieved its target 20 per cent



Eric Nicoli is under pressure to produce much-improved figures

earnings growth. Recent indications would suggest that trading in the second half has been tough. Estimates of pre-tax profits range from £315 million to £335 million. compared with £214 million last time. More importantly, brokers still expect another 20 per cent gain

in earnings to 17p a share. The figures will be dented by an exceptional item of £20 million relating to recently acquired BET, with a further £20 million lost

TI GROUP: The City expects a solid full-year performance with pre-tax profits on Wednesday up to as much as £217 million (£182 million). It is too early for a useful contribution from Forsheda, the polymer engineering group, and with

ings up about 19 per cent at 30.7p. SCHRODERS: Bringing up the tail of the annual bank reporting

automotives struggling, John

Crane and Dowty Aerospace made

most of the running. Expect earn-

City's few remaining independent merchant banks, still nearly half

Schroders, tipped by NatWest Securities to post a 22 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £240 million, should have benefited from a good second half in investment banking from fees earned on the Northern Electric bids, the Imperial Tobacco float and the merger of Lucas and

On the asset management side, funds are up about a quarter to more than £92 billion. The net dividend could rise by a respectable 16 per cent to 18.5p a share.

MIRROR GROUP: Higher newsprint and promotional costs will take the gloss off Thursday's full-year figures, with pre-tax profits of about E90 million against E77.1 million last time. Price rises during the first half suggest that news-paper profits will fail to match earlier expectations. Moves into other media areas, such as digital television, are not being warmly received by the City and could affect future growth.

UNITED NEWS & MEDIA: Full-year figures on Friday are likely to be distorted by exceptional items of up to £52 million, relating to losses at Channel 5 and merger provisions. Pre-tax profit estimates range from £280 million to £285 million, against £258.7 million last time. Earnings should be up 8 per cent at 37.6p. A total of £730 million has been spent on acquisitions since United Newspapers and MAI merged. Despite Channel 5 losses, the main businesses are expected to have performed strongly.

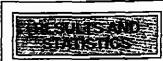
RECKITT & COLMAN: A pickup in sales during the second half should offset what was judged as a dull underlying performance during the first six months. Full-year figures on Thursday should also reflect the benefits of recent restructuring, with pre-tax profits up from £295 million to between £317 million and £319 million. The payout is

forecast to rise 8 per cent to 21.8p.

ENTERPRISE OIL: These figures on Thursday should show that the group has shrugged off the illeffects of its abortive bid for Lasmo. A strong oil price will bolster net income by about 54 per cent, to £156.7 million, with earnings per share up a similar amount at 28.6p. The group remains prolific in exploration successes, the latest being the Abbot Field in the central

BRITISH VITA: The strong recovery in profits reflected at the interim stage is likely to have continued in the second half. Full-year pre-tax profits today should come in at £54 million, against £47.4 million last time, with earnings up 11 per cent at 15.7p. Margins will have benefited from increased demand in Europe and the lower cost of raw materials. The payout will be up from 7.9p to

BBA GROUP: Operating profits should show a useful increase when the group reports tomorrow, although revenue will be down because of discontinued business es. Pre-tax profits for the year are likely to come in at £144 million, compared with £118 million last time. There should be scope for a lp increase in the dividend to 7p.



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Interime: none scheduled, Finale: Anglo Pacific Resources, Bilton, Mith-

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

City takes post-election view

vinced that there will be no interest rate rises before the election and thoughts have begun to turn to the monetary outlook for the incoming government. Most forecasters believe that rates will need to rue from the middle of the year, but there is increasing optimism that they will not need to rise to the 7 per cent figure that some economists had been

This more optimistic outbacked up by factory gate annual rate to 1.5 per cent. Data

today. MMS International. the economic forecaster, predicts that producer prices output data will show a monthly rise of 0.2 per cent.

The industrial production figures, due on Wednesday, are expected to show a monthly rise of 0.7 per cent, against 0.6 per cent last month. But the manufacturing output figures are predicted to remain weak, with output expected to show a slight ok for rates should be rise of 0.3 per cent - taking the

released by the British Retail Consortium tomorrow is expected to show strong, but not unsustainable, high street

In the US, producer price and retail sales figures are The annual figure is expected also expected to show that the to remain flat at 1.5 per cent. case for rate rises is not proven. The core producer price index, due on Friday, is expected to show a rise of 0.1 per cent. Retail sales data. published on Thursday, is expected to show a modest 0.3

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page .88

(c) A candie-fly or moth, From the Italian for a butterfly. "New Farfalla in her radiant shine,/ Too-bold, I burn these tender wings of mine."

(a) The whiskers (of a cat). From the Old French grenon. Of Teutonic origin. Compare the Old Norse gron a moustache. "If the long haires growing about her [the cat's] mouth (which some **FOVILLA**

(a) The substance contained in pollen-cells. Modern Latin used in Linnaeus in 1766. In 1734, Linnaes calls it farina. "Emitting a subtile and clastic vapour, or sort of fovilla which swims on the

(b) A chick or unfledged bird. Obsolete, except for dialect. Of unknown origin, but note the Old English gorb greedy. voracious. "The Old Birds of Prey, with their young Gors, which they were training up to swallow Kingdoms at once."

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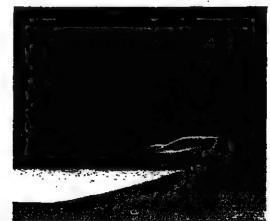
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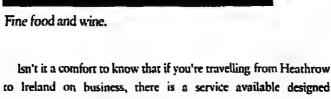


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Proposals to protect assets from care costs

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

RETIRED people could pay annual insurance premiums being sold to pay future nursing home bills under propos-als in a government White Paper to be issued today.

However, insurance experts believe that premiums are likely to be about I per cent of the value of the house annually, costing £50 a month for the owher of an average £60,000 home with £10,000 of savings.

The controversial and long-awaited draft Bill on long-term care, to be published by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, will propose a partviduals may buy insurance to ring-fence their assets and

Nomura's chief set to resign

HIDEO SAKAMAKI. the president of Nomura Securities Co. Japan's biggest stockbroker, is expected to resign to take the blame for suspected irregular deals now being investigated by Japan's securities watchdog (Robert Whymant writes).

The stockbroker admitted that it ran discretionary accounts for clients. These are alleged to be connected with sokaiya money from companies by shady business practices. Mr Šakamaki is reported to have offered to resign once the Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission has completed its inquiry. 🕟

prevent a proportion of them being used to pay for care. It will not include proposals on immediate-needs annuities or equity release schemes.

Mr Dorrell will suggest that

for every £1 of insurance taken out, the Government will "disregard" £1.50 of assets on top of the £10,000 an individual is already allowed to keep.

The proposals have already attracted criticism from charities that believe they will be beyond the means of most elderly people, and from insurers, who say that only 100,000 extra people will be helped. They claim that two million could have benefited had the scheme protected a further El of assets for every £1 insured.

The proposed Bill is the result of consultation on options announced last May. Currently 20,000 people buy long-term care policies worth a total of £73 million in premium income every year.

Under the present means testing system, people with assets worth less than £10,000 do not have to pay anything towards their long-term care costs. Those with between £10,000 and £16,000 have to make a contribution, and those with more - including their homes - have to meet the bill in full.

It is claimed that up to 40,000 people sell their homes each year to meet care fees, which can top £20,000 a year.

Peter Gatenby, appointed actuary and director of PPP lifetime care, expressed disap-He said: "The Government could have increased the protection to £2 per £1, but has shied away from doing that because we have no idea how many people will want to buy such policies, and they are an open-ended commitment to governments of the future."



Thorntons has chocolate lollipops of Screaming Lord Sutch, left, Paddy Ashdown, John Major and Tony Blair

Retailers seek shoppers' vote with election memorabilia

lection fever has al-ready hit the high streets. Supermarkets, bars, bookshops, and novelty outlets are cashing in on the contest in a consumer frenzy that hails from America.

Cross-party political prod-ucts are being licked, drunk, read, and worn. In conjunction with Tie Rack, both the Conservative and Labour Party have brought out a snazzy line in election neckwear. At £11.99 in silk, or £2 cheaper in polyester, the choice is between Labour's repeat roses on a red or even blue background or the Tories' red demon eyes on black. Tie Rack, which is still talking with the Liberal Democrats, will pay each party design fees of about £1,000.

If sales in caricature candles are anything to go by. Political kitsch may prove to be an investment, Morag Preston finds

Labour and Conservative are Turnover at The Candle Shop in London's Covent Garden is expected to increase fivefold the run up to a general election. Seven-inch wax models of an all-grey John Major and a smiling Tony Blair, at £7.95 each, are sold as the acceptable equivalent to the voodoo doll. "An awful lot of burning of the enemy goes on," says Sue Spear, who opened the shop in 1971. Ted Heath, Tony Benn, and Margaret Thatcher, are still popubut Paddy Ashdown did not even make it into a mould. "He doesn't raise enough

feeling one way or another," says Ms Spear

The recently opened Politicos, a bookshop-cum-salon for Westminster groupies, is reporting a rush in 55p political postcards. Iain Dale, the owner and a former political lobbyist for the Tory party, took the idea for the shop from similar ones in Washington. People tend to buy memorabilia that makes fun of their owe party," says Mr Dale.

For the first time, Penguin has introduced a series of paperback pocketbooks aimed at the virgin voter. Why Vote Labour?, Why Vote Conservative?, and Why Vote

ing at £3.99 each. The political parties boast their own cataoffering a range of brightly coloured gimmicks from baseball caps to bumper stickers. Hip young research-Office are rolling their computer mice over propaganda mats emblazoned "New Lab-

our, New Danger". in the food range, Thoratons has 49p chocolate lollipops cast in the likeness of political leaders. For the last eneral election, the confeconers sold more than 170,000 jelly lookalikes of John Maor, Paddy Ashdown, and Neil Kinnock. This year, Tony Blair has replaced Mr Kinnock and Screaming Lord Sutch has been added to

widen the appeal.
Not to miss out, Tesco has launched a poster campaign parodying political promises, and Asda will soon be lining its shelves with its Election Ales. Bottles of Tony's Tipple, Major's Mild and Ashdown's Ale will go on sale for £1.49 each. With cartoons of the leaders splashed across the beer labels, the supermarket one day they will become collectors' items.

Two years ago, a Lady That-cher teapot sold for nine times the original £20 price at Phillips the auctioneers. John Sandon, head of ceramics at Phillips, says: "Look out for some-thing that's well produced and

BA left with a case to answer MORE WOE for British

Airways. Senior travel trade folk arrived in Berlin on Saturday for an industry shindig to discover the unthinkable — BA had left half their cases behind. The passengers, among more than 50,000 professionals heading for the mighty ITB Berlin travel trade show, had to wait 12 hours or more for the items to turn up. Several were heard loudly proclaiming that they would never fly the World's Fa-vourite Airline again.

BA, which suffered unspeakable horrors last Novmber when 11,000 cases piled up at Heathrow. inned the blame on a faulty baggage conveyor — operated by BAA — but conceded:
"At the end of the day, it impacts on the airline. It does us no good at ail." BAA is installing new baggage equipment at Heathrow, and says there have been some teething problems. BA will consider awarding compensation to passengers caught up in the mess, but added: "It really depends upon the case." If they can find it.

Business brains

OXFORD Molecular is staking its claim as Britain's most academic company. Most recently, Graham Richards has been appointed to head the new combined chemistry department at Oxford University. David Jackson, chief operating officer, is a professor at Not-tingham University, Anthony Rees, a director, is a professor at Bath University; there are five Nobel laureates on its Scientific Advisory Board; and 73 out of 140 staff have either PhDs, DPhils, or MScs. Professor Richards was the co-founder of Oxford Molec-ular, a database for the discovery of new medicines. Tall, handsome, and a born runner, he is known as "The Six Million Dollar Man" not to mention the money he has made from the \$400 million public company.

SURELY its time Norwich Union sent out its policy circular to members, informing them of its stock market flotation proposals? A spokeswoman said: "We said we would be sending them out in the spring, and we keep getting calls from people reminding us that the crocuses are now well and truly in bloom." NU expects to start the mailing in the next few weeks.

Something's afoot

RICHARD ROYDS is working round the clock in his attempt to persuade 200,000 City professionals to dress down for Red Nose Day. His crusade is to raise about El million in aid of Comic Relief. But what will this managing director of

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Mercury Asset Manag ment be wearing on the big day? "A pair of Levis jeans - they don't make Dockers in size 42. I'm a great big chap, who has never worn sneakers in his life, and I don't intend to start now."

Whistle-blower

WORDS of wisdom from Ken Bates. Pontificating on the subject of dodgy referees and the City, the chairman of Chelsea says: "It's said that results are too important to be left to an amateur's decision, particularly now that there's so much City investment in the game. Well, the City knew what the rules were when they came in and, although they are not averse to changing the City rules when it suits them, football is different." One-nil to Mr Bates.



Bates: telling it like it is

The fur flies

THE Body Shop is taking Durham City Council to the cleaners. Anita Roddick's beauty haven has intervened in a dispute within the Labour-run council over its mayoral robes. Local controversy arose when the council decided to replace the musquash trim on a 15year-old robe with synthetic fur. The work just happened to coincide with the arrival of vegetarian Neil Griffin. who takes over as mayor in May. The £500 bill, includ-

cleaning, was criticised by Nigel Martin, Lib-Dem member, as a needless expense and pandering to animal rights groups. Now the Middlesbrough branch of The Body Shop has agreed to pick up the tab.

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Adviser's mis-selling move

KNIGHT WILLIAMS, the has submitted proposals to the investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) that could settle up to 1,200 of the compensation claims made against it.

The company has asked the ICS to help in identifying claimants, most of them pensioners who may have lost up to £25 million in high-income investments it promoted.

does not admit liability.

An ICS spokesman said that hoped to meet Knight Williams directors shortly. The two sides have yet to decide how much each will pay.

Kenneth Jordan, chairman of the Knight Williams Investors Action Group, hoped the new offer would improve on its first offer in July 1996,

However, in its letter to the which he said had amounted ICS, it emphasises that its to a few hundred pounds for tors to seek the group's advice before accepting any offers.

Mr Jordan also attacked the ICS for "repeatedly reneging on its self-imposed deadlines". leading to long delays in paying compensation. The ICS said that it was treating cases urgently but identifying claimants had taken longer than expected.

unusual — you may never get the chance again."

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Benefits of EMU enthusiasm

late change of mind, or are deceiving the opinion pollsters, the Labour Party will win the May general election with a good working majority.

Economic life under the early stages of a Labour government has been well analysed -- there is a broad agreement, for example, that interest rates will have to rise in the latter part of 1997 and early 1998 (although

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probably to no more than 7 per cent), and that inflation will fall to close to 2.5 per cent at the end of 1997. These factors are largely legacies of an outgoing Tory Government and are well discounted by the gilt market. The Budget planned for

early summer might include details about a windfall tax on utilities. The size and shape of this tax will affect government finances and, therefore, the

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market. However, Labour has been out of office for many years and it would be judicious for the new ministers to take a good, long look at the books rather than producing a hasty policy decision. It would be preferable if windfall tax details were delayed until a later Budget.

In any case, we think that the biggest impact Labour will have on the gilt market in the latter part of 1997 will come from a different source: its attitude to monetary union.

The Labour leadership is pro-monetary union, but, for all the talk of when would be the right time for sterling to join EMU, the fact remains that the party is first committed to a referendum on the subject. According to opinion polls, only a minority of Brit-ish people are in favour of monetary union, although many of the others would hope to be better informed by the time a vote takes place.

It will be Labour's task should the enthusiasm for monetary union survive the hostility of some backbenchers) to present arguments showing how much more beneficial life would be within EMU, compared with "isola-tion" outside it,

With effort, the party should be able to turn public opinion around. Just as many of us believed 20-odd years ago that we were voting for little more than closer trade links with near-Europe in the original Common Market referendum. the popular decision this time will probably owe more to how (and what) arguments are presented to us than to thorough analysis of the situation. The best time for Labour to

help to form the "right" opin-

ion is early in the life of the new Parliament, the honey-moon period when its popular-ity is at its peak. Consequently, we can expect the ruling party to talk up the benefits of EMU from the outset.

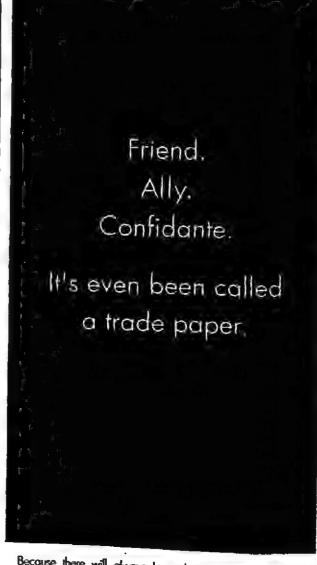
This is good news for the many gilt market bulls, whose premise is that sterling will eventually join EMU and that UK yields will converge to those on the Continent. Current gilt yields for ten-year maturities stand about 1.8 percentage points above com-parable German and French bonds on a like-for-like basis. This figure will surely fall if the dominant sentiment is of convergence to a common currency, even if there is a delay to the proposed EMU start date in 1999.

The yield/maturity profiles of bonds in the UK and on the Continent already imply a substantial long-term fall in the yield difference between them, it can be argued. However, this does not preclude gilts outper-forming continental bonds on view to the end of the year. The most likely scenario for

German bunds, for example, is that after hitting a mid-year peak, prices will fall in the second half of 1997 as economic recovery starts. Meanwhile, EMU optimism should prevent a sell-off in gilts, so the gilt-

bund yield spread narrows. With good economic fundamentals, gilts have the potential to be the best-performing major bond market in 1997. union should ensure the fulfilment of that potential.

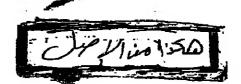
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Managers urge talks on European social chapter

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S managers today urge a new government to engage fully in talks on the European social chapter - in effect, to end the UK's opt-out from new employment law from Brussels.

In a pre-election business manifesto, the Institute of Management calls for "credible" policies on the economy, business, education, jobs and Europe.

The institute, which has 76,000 individual and .600 corporate members, says that Europe is "vital" for the UK,

now direct its attention towards "constructive proposals.

It says that the Conservative Government's "frequently antagonistic stance towards the EU does not help UK organisations" to benefit from

As forecast in The Times, the institute says in direct contradiction to Government claims of the opinion of business, that "it is clearly the case that, for some large organisations, the social chapter does not hold many fears", and that some organisations

have already implemented its

The institute says: "A blan-ket opt-out is too blunt an instrument. Full involvement in EU negotiations on social chapter proposals would enable the UK to emphasise the benefits of maintaining flexibility in labour markets and to tailor EU social policy to the specific characteristics of the

UK business environment." On the economy, the institute urges the adoption of an inflation target of 3 per cent or less, independence for the Bank of England, and tight control of government bor-rowing and spending. The Government should maintain support for labour market flexibility, become "less parochial" on competition policy and bring in legislation to right to interest on late payment of debt.

Roger Young, director-general of the institute, salys: Managers have a clear recipe for ensuring Britain's global the ingredients of sound economic management, lifetime learning and flexibility."

Christian Salvesen rebel to end attempt to halt payout

By Fraser Nelson

SIR Gerald Elliot, the former chairman of Christian Salvesen, is this week expected to abandon his campaign to halt the logistics group's plans for a £100 million special dividend.

Sir Gerald, 72, is understood to have failed to persuade institutional investors that the payout would leave the company with dangerously high

After weeks of canvassing private investors by telephone. he claims to have the informal support of shareholders who speak for 10 per cent. Added to the core of rebels who command 14 per cent of the capital, this leaves him well short of any prospect of victory. About 44 per cent of the stock is held by individuals, mainly 400 descendents of the founding Salvesen family.

The matter will be decided at a special shareholder meeting on Thursday, when a vote will be held on a consolidation that will replace every nine existing shares with eight new ones.

While the consolidation is not a contested issue. Sir Gerald intends to use it as a "Trojan vote" to halt the dividend payment and shelve manage ment plans to hive off Aggreko, the group's specialist hire business. He also proposes install-



Sir Gerald Elliot's campaign has cost him £400,000

director of LucasVarity, asexecutive chairman. Scottish Widows and Standard Life, which together hold 4.8 per cent of the company,

the chief executive. Morgan

Stanley and PDFM, which own 10 per cent and 5 per cent respectively, are also understood to be siding with the board. The campaign is understood to have cost Sir

Tax loophole to be closed

By ADAM JONES

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has tabled a new clause to the Finance Bill to prevent life offices from using an annuity scheme to avoid their £1.5 billion tax 4) bills. Under the present sysclaim tax relief on the in-

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come paid out on the annuities that they issue.

Life offices are already taxed on the investment profits that fund annuity payments, but the Government says they are creating artificial annuities, sold to banks and other financial institutions. It claims that they inflate the amount of

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retreat to a "trivial" size. Such an arrangement can mean that the tax relief on the income claimed dwarfs the tax paid in funding the annuity.

period of big payments, cap-ping the tax relief potential.

Gerald about £400,000.

income paid for a short period. That is followed by a lengthy period where the payments

The new clause treats these erratic annuities as though they lasted only as long as the

Michael Jack, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said: "If unchecked, the use of such annuity arrangements could lead to the erosion of the entire tax base of life assurance companies. The Chancellor made it clear in his Budget speech that he would not hesitate to take any necessary action to secure the tax base

NatWest 'black hole' report due

kets are bracing themselves for a damning report into the E50 million "black hole" trading scandal. Preliminary findings into the trading activities of Kyriacous Papouis are

expected later this week, Neil Dodgson, Mr Papouis's superior at Nat-West, has been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation, and further suspensions are possible. Coopers & Lybrand, which is investigating the affair with Linklaters & Paines, the City law firm, is thought to have established that mispriced transactions went undefected for up to 12 months. Initial investigations suggest that Mr Papouis overvalued the options he traded for more than a year, allowing bim to accumulate a considerable loss. He is not thought to have acted for personal gain.

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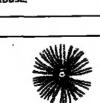
Two famous City names James Capel and Samuel Montagu - are to disappear under a reorganisation by HSBC, their parent bank. The firms will be merged with HSBC Investment Banking. and their names will no longer be used from October.

Stores bidders

Kingfisher, owner of Woolworth. Comet and Superdrug, is being tipped as a prime candidate to buy 134 high street outlets from Littlewoods, the pools-to-retail combine. Tesco and Asda are among potential bidders for the stores, which are set to sell for at least £500 million.

Co-op 'targeted'

Andrew Regan, the entrepreneur behind Lanica Trust, is reputed to be planning a hostile bid for the Co-op's non-food businesses. One option would see him offering El,000 each to the Co-op's 500,000 members, but steps are already been taken to block such an attempt.







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Investors persuade ALEA to shelve float

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which has secured a licence to operate the first online lottery in Russia, has shelved its plans to join the Alternative Investment Market after a group of its investors sugges-

ted it raise funds privately. The company, which jointly owns the licence with the Russian Committee for the Protection of Peace, is understood to be looking at alternative ways to raise the £32.5

million it needs to expand. Its absence will not be felt by the junior exchange, with five companies waiting to join over the next six weeks. Q Group, an Israeli CD-Rom publisher that specialises in educational titles, is joining next Monday, valued at £19 million. It has raised £5

security systems for airlines, also joins this month - the

ninth Israeli company to

million through a placing. John Bryce, which makes

secure a London listing. It is raising £7 million through a placing, and will be valued at about £20 million.

Fincham Industrial, which offers service support for blue-chip clients, is raising £5 million for acquisitions and is likely to join the market in three weeks time valued at £12 million. Methven's, which runs four bookshops

in the Home Counties, plans

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valued at about £5 million. Medway Insurance also joins next month, and is expected to be valued at £70 million. It wants funds to buy Hansa Re, the US insurer, and plans to reinsure with Lloyd's.

Apologies are due for the errors in last week's table.

Fraser Nelson

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Only the brave attempt leap from boardroom to Commons

Il political parties are courting the business vote in the run-up to a general election. Tony Blair schmoozes the City. Michael Heseltine fights back in anger to hold the Tories' traditional business support.

For all their campaigning, however, the parties are being deserted by businessmen themselves. The number of parliamentary candidates with managerial experience in the private sector has fallen dramatically. Although the electorate is more interested than ever in economic competence, the commercially literate prefer to stay put rather than become involved in politics.

In the Conservative Party. the deal had always been that one first gets rich and then gets elected. While still at Oxford, Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister to be, famously mapped out, on the back of an envelope, his path from entrepreneurship to

The opposite is increasingly the case today. Impoverished researchers and councillors enter the Commons and some end up lining their pockets with the help of lobbyists. Even that may be over. After the next election, the business acumen assembled in the Commons could reach an all-

The Public Policy Unit. a think tank, has conducted a survey of future MPs. Andrew Lansley, one of the authors and a Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate himself, said: "The number of prospective candidates with business experience is in decline. The occupational background of the new intake has shifted away from traditional areas such as commerce, manufacturing and law."

The only area of business better represented now is financial services, after the 1980s boom in international finance. Lansley said: "Labour has far fewer trade unionists and fewer people from the shop floor. Many candidates now come the voluntary sector, while the numbers from the private sector remain very small. The big battalions are

from colleges and councils." The Tories still have the largest business contingent, but it is primarily made up of analysts and merchant bankers rather than self-made industrialists or managers. Many Tory candidates are already pseudo-politicians; they





Ronnie Fearn, left, for the Liberal Democrats, and Labour's Mohammed Sarwar are rare as candidates from commerce

work for an MP or are public thousands of pounds if they relations consultants trying to lobby Westminster.

On the basis of information supplied by the Public Policy Unit, one can calculate that only 15 of the 160 new parliamentary candidates most likely to win a seat come from managerial positions in the private sector and a further 14 from finance.

Why are so many undoubtedly ambitious business folk deserting the quest for power and glory? Richard Branson might get elected even if he stood for the Monster Raving Loony Party, such is his public appeal. Yet, he becomes unnaturally coy when asked about politics.

Millionaires at a recent City lunch agreed, as they tucked into their £30 steaks, that the idea of standing for Parliament was simply "off-putting". Some of them earn an MP's annual salary in a week. Getting out of bed for £43,000 per annum does not appeal.

Their predecessors 20 or 30 years ago had the option of entering politics while staying in business. However, constituencies no longer tolerate gentlemen politicians and employers loathe part-time executives. Lansley said: "The sacrifice for bankers and other executives is substantial. Companies will not pay them hundreds of don't get 110 per cent effort."

Money is by no means the only factor putting businessmen off. Politics is risky, and a failed attempt to enter Parliament could end a business career, as well as a political one. Having to campaign for months before an election puts severe strain on any executive's ability to do the day job.

There is also the prospect of years of backbench boredom. Ministerial jobs with powers to equal those of an executive director are few. Even in the era of Select Committees, most MPs are "lobby fodder".

The few moments in the limelight that a backbench MP may get are usually unwanted public scrutiny. The love child of an executive may go unnoticed. As a politician, the same executive will be hounded by the tabloids. Given all the drawbacks,

who are the brave businessmen still keen on public service? And why do they want to do it? Jason Hollands, of BESt Investment, the brokers, the Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Easington, says: "Some people simply have it in their blood. I want to see the bigger picture and engage in the battle of

Hollands's interest in politics was awakened at school and while studying history at Oxford. He joined the Conservative Association and today he is the chairman of the Young Conservatives. "Oxford is such a great place," he muses. "It really focuses people and makes them obsessive about whatever they do."

When the official campaign begins, he will take a few weeks holiday to woo the voters. Easington currently has a 27,000 Labour majority. It was Ramsay MacDonald's seat and is flanked by Tony Blair's and Peter Mandelson's constituencies. "Somehow I don't think it will be a holiday," says Hollands.

oliands's fellow Tory candidates with business experience include Howard Flight, of the Guinness Flight Global Asset Management Fund, Archie Norman, Asda chairman, Nick St Aubyn, a former Kleinwort Benson banker, Sebastian Grigg, of Goldman Sachs, and Financial Secretary to the Treasury and presently a managing director with Morgan Stanley. It is very much a City-dominated list.

Labour's finance specialists are thinner on the ground. In keeping with the rest of Labour's candidate pool,

about half are women. Kate Green, a Barclays Bank manager, is after Peter Brooke's central London seat. Becoming an MP would be her second job at the House of Commons - she already looks after the cash dispensers there. Labour also has two Bank of England economists, Ruth Kelly and John Adams, as well

as Tommy Hurchinson, a

NatWest adviser. Liberal Democrats seem to be finding it particularly hard to attract entrepreneurial talent. Ronnie Fearn, a bank official, ex-MP and former party transport spokesman, is standing in Southport. Asked for a short self-description, he replied: "One of the most energetic, hard-working and likeable Liberal Democrats quotes from TV and press, not my description."

Some prospective candidates have already fallen by the wayside before an election is called. John Evans, the original Tory hope for the Nottinghamshire seat of Sherprison sentence after trying to obtain a refund for an overcoat at Marks & Spencer last spring. A court was told that he had mass-produced fake Marks & Spencer receipts in an attempt to get even with the store chain after a planning dispute. Evans, the director of

his candidacy after being

Another Tory prospective candidate, Hugh Neil, had hoped to be the party's first black MP, but overdid it. Neil had claimed to be chairman of the imaginary Kenton and Middlesex Building Society. Constituency bosses did not check, but deselected him when they found out.

olitics can be a far

rockier path than business Mohammed Sarwar, the Indo Scottish millionaire Labour supporter, hit the headlines last May. For two years, he fought with local activists for the Glasgow Govan candidacy. Labour's high command had to intervene when Sarwar lost a first constituency ballot controversial circumstances. Losing an Asian, as well as a businessman, candidate would have been distastrous given the general lack of either. The £10 million cash-and-carry mogul eventually triumphed with the help Walworth Road. However, few other successful businessmen would tolerate the ordeals that Sarwar had to endure to

Emboldened by success, Labour party chiefs rescued another candidate with a business background late last year. Fabian Hamilton was selected for Leeds North East after the leftwinger Liz Davies was deselected. However, Davies decided to leave as noisily as she had arrived.

The sporlight of publicity has shone hard on Hamilton's record as a company director. His business history includes two liquidated printing companies and seven county court judgments for bad debts. It is hardly an advertisement for Labour's new-found zeal for prudent capitalism.

Links between people of commerce and the economics side of politics are a long tradition. Unusually, though the main priority for the few remaining commercially literate politicians today will not be economic policy per se, but the European issue. The Conser vative Howard Flight is the most vigorous exponent of a majority standpoint. I have Eurosceptic views and I am in favour of a referendum on a single currency," he said. A Euro-friendly Tony Blair may

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RADIO CHOKE

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At what point does the here and now metamorphose into history? Sieve Chambers's serialisation of Grahame Swift's novel, set in the reclaimed marshland of the Fens, poses the question in its opening few minutes. It is posed by Tom Crick, played by Roy Marsden, the history teacher narrating the story. In the classroom from which he is history to be beniched Crick is a compelling teller of true tales. They are nistory teacher narrating the story. In the classroom from which he is soon to be banished, Crick is a compelling teller of true tales. They are all to do with his ancestors, and most are inspired by the watery region that was, and is, their home. I say "was and is" because Waterland? lives in both past and present. A complex structure, then, but not confusing so long as you keep on recalling Crick's self-portrait but not confusing so long as you keep on recalling Crick's self-portrait. as "an expert on the past until time flows back on itself and the past

Vandeville Red-Hot and Blue. Radio 2, 10.00pm.

The American singer Marilyn Middleton Poliock has a voice made for cabaret. Radio 2 must think highly of her because tonight marks the start of her third series of songs from vaudeville's heyday. They include Makin' Whoopee and, unforgettably. Buddy. Can You Spare a Dime. She is stoutly supported by Steve Mellor's Chicago Hoods, a hand that embraces some top-class solists — a fact the live audience acknowledges by constantly bursting into appliause. We expect this sort of thing from American audiences, but it's a rare hampening up sort of thing from American audiences, but it's a rare happening up Rimmigham way.

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Archie entertains an honourable ambition



Archie Norman: cream of the crop of Tory hopefuls

Provided the voters of Tunbridge have proper representation in Partia-Wells swallow their amour-propre ment. But I am not someone with just a and elect a shopkeeper, Archie Norman will be a star of the 1997 intake of Tory MPs. Asda's chairman is already being cast as the next Michael Heseltine. He certainly has flair, business experience and undisguised ambition.

Archie, as he is known to his family and to 75,000 Asda employees, has had a fairy-tale career so far. After Cambridge and Harvard he went to McKinsey, the management consultancy. His managerial skills, including the first-names-only policy, are McKinsey standard issue. So when he refers to Adair he is talking about the CBI's director-general, Adair Turner, a McKinsey colleague.

Archie was made chief executive of Asda at 37, having been headhunted from the post of finance director at Kingfisher where he made his name. Both companies did famously well under his stewardship. At 42, he has taken on the chairmanship of the supermarket chain to devote more time to selling himself instead of the groceries. "Most businessmen don't achieve what they want to achieve early in life," he says without a hint of modesty. "I have been a director of an FT-SE 100 company for 12 years. That kind of experience most people cannot

match. Parliament needs people with realworld business experience. Archie agrees: Westminster should not be the domain of full-time professionals. I want to bring my background to bear. Business should

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ment. But I am not someone with just a bunch of special interests. I have ideas, a fresh perspective." In terms of ideas, Archie is a

stormtrooper rather than an armchair general. He leads loudly from the front. His many campaigns at Asda have included full frontal attacks for Sunday trading, and over discounting of books and medicines. The campaigns, inevitably, involve television appearances where he champions the rights of ordinary trolley-pushing folk.

The biggest idea on his political shelf is Euroscepticism. "Under no foreseeable circumstances will the Tories agree to a single currency," he says. "It would be helpful to clarify our position before the election but the Prime Minister has handled the situation well. Business eople are particularly concerned about the social chapter."

Archie already has the self-confidence of a Cabinet minister, a job he undoubt-edly covets. The Asda chairman is not leaving his £500,000 position to squeak from the backbenches. He is seeking new commanding beights. "There are strong similarities between politicians and businessmen," he believes. "Both lead and manage large numbers of people. The same qualities are needed - forthrightness, independence, integrity. I am used to expressing myself so that 75,000 people

A look at Archie's leadership methods offers some clues to his political style. He turned Asda from a debt-laden decline into a bright and profitable operation with the help of a little management voodoo. This included holding lotteries in which staff can win use of the company Jaguar for a month, forcing everyone to stand at meetings to encourage debate. and a red "don't disturb" cap which is passed around the head office. Sir Humphrey would presumably get the cap in the Archie ministry, constituents could be joy-riding in the ministerial limo and Cabinet meetings would become quasi-cocktail parties with everyone

wearing name tags.
The idiosyncratic chairman is no stranger to gaffes. Tory elders were embarrassed when he told the New Statesmen magazine that the party was destined to lose the election.

In another interview, for Tatler, Archie said he wanted to be an MP so that he could spend more time with his family. Labour helpfully pointed out that this was the usual Tory explanation for leaving the Commons after he had said that being a politician was one of the few jobs in the world "that we can do together. There is no way you could take your wife to work at Asda."

His election chances are good. Tun-bridge Wells is still as safe a Tory seat as one can hope to get. If the fairy-tale continues, the Adsa chairman may again rise fast and one day become he "Right Honourable Archie". Posh Tunbridge Wells may even overcome its distaste and allow in an Asda store.



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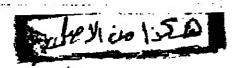
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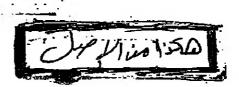
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Fishy stories, frolics, fundraisers' football

this morning between a documentary about the Government's fishing policy and a costume romp called Deacon Brodie, which starred Billy Connolly. In the end I decided you would be more entertained by lunatic behaviour and implausible plot twists: therefore I shall start

with the fishing policy.

People who think that the Ministy of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is dedicated to screwing up the beef industry are making a grave error. The ministry has a wider brief and should be given due recognition for its other role: screwing up the fishing industry. Its problems are often reported as being the fault of swarthy Spaniards and heartless Brussels bureaucrats, so thank heaven for The Goldring Audit (Channel 4, Saturday)

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Mary Goldring is a financial Politicians wish us to believe journalist of a certain age for that the Spanish have played a

whom an intelligent thirst for dirty trick by registering trawlers knowledge matters more than big hair and lip gloss. She is to business reporting what Delia Smith is to cookery, complete with a set of no-nonsense stones at her throat. Thus she was easy to pick out as one of the more unlikely personages ever to sail on PZ 78, a Newlyn trawler aboard which

Goldring spent five days. She (and I) could swiftly bring a tear to your eye, for the image of the brave hunter-gatherer gone forth into wicked seas for no wage beyond a share of the dwindling catch is a strong one. But there is a difference between men who fish and the fishing industry: all industries are careless as to the finite nature of their resources and fishing is no exception. Goldring set aside sentiment and cut to key truths, of which I will highlight but

as British and thus taking a share of our fish quota. Eurosceptics are happy to let us think that the common fisheries policy, presided over by the feisty Emma Bonino, the EU's Fisheries Commissioner, is to blame for the fine mess we are

s Goldring demonstrated, A there is more to a district acfish less. That is why the EU. many years ago, started paying fishermen to decommission their boats. The deal was that money from Brussels would match funds from individual governments. Britain said no.

Bonino told Goldring: "This has been the choice of the UK Government, maybe to decide that the priority, so they allocated very litle funds." Britain eventually signed REVIEW



Peter Barnard

up for the scheme in 1992 but that was too late. British fishermen, strapped for cash and denied decommissioning money, had no choice but to sell their boats and, crucially, the licences that went with them. Enter the Spanish.

Does the UK Government have an answer to these charges? We don't know. Everybody who matters stuck their galoshes over the gunwales for this film, except Tony

ister. Goldring said that Baldry would talk only about overail policy and he would only do that if the interview was shown at the end of the programme. So Baldry wanted to make the programme if he was going to appear in it. He

Goldring's solution to the fishthe fleet and ban the sale to fishmongers of endangered species such as cod and mackerel. "It is difficult to see anything less drastic having an effect," she said. Yes, I fear that it is.

Set alongside the grotesque Min of Ag, the story of an Edinburgh ne'er do well who designs a gallows and is ultimately hanged from it is but a small leap in the believability stakes. Deacon Brodie (BBC1, Saturday) showed a great deal of promise, but delivered very little of it. The story is based on a true one, but drama

is not convincing just because it is authentic.

Billy Connolly seemed to enjoy himself as Brodie. The story is set in 1788, so Connolly's beard had been expertly removed and rearranged on the top of his head. The BBC described the film as a rollicking romp", therefore it contained several tarts with hearts. ing crisis is radical: forcibly reduce an array of inflating bosoms and a predictable escape from the gallows so that Brodie and his lady love could sail into the sunset.

> The BBC has not been wildly successful with costume drama of late and I doubt that this example will detain the judges of the Royal Television Society for more than a moment. With some of the language expunged and a couple of necklines raised an inch or two it could be shown to children at teatime as a

change from Rob Roy. Comic Relief last night began a

three-part series, Balls to Africa (BBCI), leading up to Friday's big night. The programmes nominally follow a Comic Relief all-star football team, the Sporting Noses,

on a tour of Africa. I am not among those who think that stars use charity work to boost their careers: surely being photographed with a Spice Girl is easier than spending a week under a mosquito net in Burkina Faso. Frank Skinner, David Baddiel, Angus Deayton and David Essex are among the celebrity players in the series, but the football is incidental to the glimpses of how

Comic Relief money is spent. I was impressed to see that not only had it provided water pumps in various villages but cash had also been used to train an engineer in each area who, if a pump fails, will fix it within two days. As Nick Hancock said: "When you consider the reputation of some British plumbers, that isn't had at all "

6.00am Business Breakfast (14297) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (98403) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5216126) 9.20 Style Challenge (4636403)

9.45 Kliroy (4243768) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (44565) 11.00 News (T) and weather (6269565)

11.05 The Really Useful Show (7871294) 11.35 Change That (8456126) 12.00 News (T) Regional News and weather (7313294)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5354497) 12.30 Going for a Song (6624565) 12.55 The Weather Show (79868229)

1.00 One O'Clock News (91590) 1.30 Regional News and weather (83538774) 1.40 Neighbours Helen begins the long road to recovery, while Darren and Libby are caught in a compromising position. A simple lunch date turns into a disaster for

Mai (11752381) 2.05 Where Pigeons Go to Die (1990) Story of the affection between a young boy and his ageing grandfether. Directed and starring Michael Landon (7040039)

3.30 Playdays (5214010) 3.50 Pingu (6686039) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (8868738) 4.10 Gadget Boy (1213300) 4.35 Record Breakers Gold (5331687)

5.00 Newsround (T) (3891590) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (6416331)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (145519) 6.00 Sb: O'Clock News (671) 6.30 Regional News (923)

7.00 This is Your Life (5010) 7.30 Here and Now First of a three-part 8.00 EastEnders Ricky has some fast talking to do when he's forced to explain his recent actions, while Grant decides it's time to get his rather complicated love life.

sorted out (T) (4958 8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Gary discovers. he's not the only one who can travel back

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (3497) 9,30 Panorama Vivian White looks into the

10.10 Comic Relief: Balls to Africa The second report from Africa (239519) 10.40 The Beast of Lenny Henry (390316) WALES: 10.40 The Slate (759316) 11.20 A Parent's Guide (680497) 11,35 Film 97 FILM: The Fugitive King (737898) 2.35 News headlines and weather (3166189)

11.10 Film 97 with Barry Norman Casting a critical eye over the latest new rele including The English Patient, starring Ralph Fiermes and Kristin Scott-Thomes; Mother Night, with Nick Noite; and Shirle MacLaine in Evening Star, the sequel to Terms of Endeement (237774)

11.40 The Fugitive Kind (1960) With Marlon Brando, Anna Magnani and Joanne Woodward. A penniless drifter turns heads in a small-minded Mississippl town. Adaptation of a Tennessee Williams play. Directed by Sidney Lurnet (486774) 1.40em Weather (3735904)

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6.00am Open University: Going to School in Japan (7242126) 6.25 Democracy: Fact or Fiction? (7327881) 6.50 Bables' Minds (T) (9159590) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T) (7158381) 7.30 Captain Cavernan and the Teen Angels (8919923) 7.55 Blue Petar (t) (T) (3399497) 8.20 Pingu (r) (3654768) 8.25 Hairy Jeremy (r) (6020652) 8.35 Lassie (r) (5975381)

BBC2

9.00 Daytime on Two: TV6 (46923) 9.30 Go for lit (7002584) 9.45 Technology Starters (7007039) 10.00 Praydays (87855) 10.30 Landmarks (2304381) 10.50 Look and Read (2497045) 11.10 Zig Zag (9306132) 11.30 Teaching Today (8132) 12.00 The Bible in Animation (39687) 12.30pm Working Lunch (88220) 1.00 History File Working Lunch (66229) 1.00 History File (47562855) 1.20 German Globo (66876720) 1.25 Landmarks (47647590) 1.45 Storytime (83442923)

2.00 Pingu (r) (27308497) 2.05 Hairy Jeremy (r) (27307768)

2.10 Lady Luck (1946, b/w) Romantic comedy starring Robert Young and Barbara Hale, Directed by Edwin L. Marin (410774) 3,55 News (T), regional news and weather (6676652)

4.00 Today's the Day (836) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (720) 5.00 Esther (6316) 5.30 Seniors Pot Black featuring Cliff Thorburn (300)

6.00 The Simpsons (151328) 6.25 Space Precinct (r) (T) (775522)

7.10 Electric Circus (r) (522590) 7.30 The Sci Files How a small group of scientists backed by political and business pressure groups scuppered an international acreament intended to half global warming (749)

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport Tiff Needell with a new series (T) (2300) 8.30 Ray Mears' World of Survival Nomedic reindeer herders of Siberia's Telga forest (T) (8107)

9.00 Victims of Rage (1995) starring Jackyn Smith and Brad Johnson. A woman marries a body-builder who has been taking steroids and has no control over his temper. Directed by Armand Mastrolanni (1) (2768)

10.30 Newsnight (303671)



Harold Wilson in 1969 (11.15pm)

Walden on Wilson Brian Walden profiles the life and times of the former Labour leader Harold Wilson (T) (718478) 11.45 Animated 2 Surreal animation (911039)

11.55 Weather (151720) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (75459)

Discourse (50121) 5.30 RCN Nursing

12.30em Open University: Persisting Dreams (61904) 1.30 Modern Art (58343) 2.00 Nightschool TV: Geography (15904) 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 4.30 Royal Institution CHOICE

Cutting Edge: The Lost Boy

It is getting on for six years since Ben Needham, then 20 months old, disappeared on the Greek island of Kos. The family had gone out to Greece to escape unemployment in Sheffield and planned to start a new life. The loss of Ben left his mother, Kerry, distraught and suicidal, His father was sent to prison for burglary. But the boy's grandparents, Eddie and Christine, have never given up hope of finding him alive. Nick Godwin's sympathetic film records their latest efforts, after the announcement of an increased reward led to a fresh wave of sightings. The likelihood is that Ben was taken and sold for adoption, an illegal trade but a thriving one. The trail leads Eddie and Christine to a gypsy village in northern Greece, but they have been through so many disappointments that they keep their

Kavanagh QC: Blood Money ITV, 8.30pm

If the last series of Kavanagh sagged a bit, it was because its greatest strength, the meaty court case, tended to be put on one side in favour of less than gripping excursions into the great barrister's home life. The lesson seems to have been learnt. We do visit the Kavanagh household tonight, just as young Matt is expecting his A-level results. But this is only a brief interlude between more compelling legal matters. The big case neatly ranges John Thaw's Kavanagh and Nicholas Jones's smug Jeremy on opposing sides. A man dies on a hospital operating table. apparently of a heart attack. But his widow (Sheila Hancock) is not convinced and decides to sue. Josette Simon plays the young surgeon accused of negligence. Matthew Hall's script is as rich in courtroom twists as it is perceptive about chambers politics.

Walden on Wilson BBC2. 11.15pm

According to Brian Walden's thoughtful lecture, Harold Wilson is the forgotten man of British politics. Despite his record of or briush points. Despite his record of winning four general elections, he is a neglected figure, disowned even by the modern Labour Party. Walden's harsh explanation is that Wilson's name has become synonymous with dishonesty. This steems Walden to be a will be the wil stems, Walden says, from Wilson's leadership style, which was to appear to be all things to all factions. Walden is not a huge fan. He praises Wilson as a kindly man with no side and a brilliant Leader of the Opposition. But in government his vision of a radical new Britain foundered on a failure to tackle deep-seated economic problems. As for Wilson's surprise retirement, Walden suggests that the least sensational explanation is probably correct. Wilson had

Channel 4, 12_35am

The series on unusual passions continues to give such good value that its scheduling at a time when most of us have gone to bed is a complete puzzle. The people who appear on the show may be unorthodox, some would say bonkers, but that is the point. Tonight they are number freaks, calling on ancient beliefs to convince us that, say, 22 or 93, has some deep and special significance. One of the pundits, Chris Gutteridge, believes that 23 is not only a holy number but points to the number of times, along with five, that it turns up on The Simpsons and The X-Files. Amazing. Another numbers bull has found strange patterns in the Portsmouth and Brighton telephone books. You do not have to believe any of this, but it will be difficult to switch off. Peter Waymark

HTV

6.00am GMTV (6610942) 9.25 Chain Letters (T) (4548294) 9.55 Regional News (1) (5330381) 10.00 The Time, the Place (74381) 10.30 This Morning (T) (22493190)

12.20pm Regional News (7319478) 12.30 News (1) and weather (6715861) 12.55 High Road (6627652) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (47569768)

1.50 Murder, She Wrote: The Great Twain Robbery starring Angela Lansbury, Keith Mitchell and Diane Baker (7106774) 2.40 Savannah Drama saries set in the Deep

South (1268652) 3.20 News (T) (1371577)

3.25 Regional News (T) (1608328) 3.30 Tots TV (4464377) 3.40 Reinbow Days (9776010) 3.50 Goofy (4921233) 4.05 Sooty's Amazing Adventures (2587010) 4.20 Snap (T) (1204852) 4.45 Art Attack (T) (5259039)

5.10 Bagdad Cate (5497855) 5.40 News (T) and weather (215497) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (612854)

6.25 HTV Weether (927923) 6.30 HTV News (T) (519) 7.00 Wish You Ware Here? Mr Motivator visits Butlin's holiday camp in Wales; Judith Chalmers visits Cuba; and John Carter goes on a coach tour of Castile (I)

7.30 Coronation Street Fraser Henderson sends a hired thug to sort out Andy; and Des finds himself attracted to Samentha after their parachute jump (T) (403)

8.00 World in Action: Sex Education An investigation of what ten-year-old children want from, and already know about, sex education. Plus: experts react



Shella Hancock as Sarah (8.30pm)

8.30 Kavenegh QC: Bloody Money With John Thaw and Sheila Hancock and Josette Simon

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (54942) 10.30 Regional News (T) (874229) 10.40 Nash Bridges: Internal Affair Nash

investigates a judge's murder and unwittingly triggers an Internal Affairs investigation With Don Johnson and Cheech Marin (879039) 11.35 Highlander. Swashbuckling time-travelling adventures, starring Adrian Paul

and Peter Howitt (107872) 12.40em Football Extra (4859625) 1.25 F1: Australian Grand Prix (r) (4913188)

2.25 Club Nation (4041850) 3.25 God's Gift (2521072) 4.20 Sound Bites (38603966)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (45607) 5.30 ITN Morning News (63614)

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1.50 Blue Heelers (7106774) 2.40 World of Wonder (2685107) 2.50-3.20 High Road (5073300) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5497855)

6.25-7.00 Central News (420519) 11.35 New York News (178687) 12.30am Football Extra (2859445) 1.15 Stand and Deliver (476188)

2.15 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (63256) 2.45 Film: The Golden Disc (3388343) 4.05 Central Jobfinder '97 (1360237)

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5.20 Asian Eye (8229527)

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(48907519) 1.35 Yellow Sky (1946, b/w) Starring Gregory
Peck as the leader of an outlaw gang
holed up in a desert lown with a

prospector and his daughter. Directed by William Wellman (19362039) 3.30 Earth Station Goonhilly The wildlife that lives in the shadow of BT's earth station at Goonhilly Downs, Cornwall (r) (1) (497)
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Rescue (T) (768)

6.00 Moviewatch Film magazine with Johnny Vauchan (381)

6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap, Jambo resists the temptation to gloat (T) (861) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (632687)

7.55 Winners and Lesers (950519) 8.00 The Seven Wonders of the World Last of the series. John Romer explores the pyramids of Egypt, the sale surviving and oldest of the ancient wonders (i) (T)



9.00 Cutting Edge: The Lost Boy. The search by his grandparents for a 20-month-old boy Kos in 1991 (T) (3749)

10.00 Dark Sides Offbest science-fiction drama series. John and Kim find a Hive operation in Meridian, Mississippi, where three civilrights workers are teared dead (T) (6836)

11.00 Cheltenham Festival Preview Lesley Graham previews the three-day racing festival which begins tomorrow (1652) 11.30 NBA Raw (557313)

12.35 For the Love Of... Jon Ronson meets six people who admit that numbers play a big part in their fives (T) (5058695)

1.30 Texan Safari A look at some of the safari ranches in America that are breeding exotic African animals and offering them to hunters (i) (ii) (47169) 2.30 Sexual Imperative How much of what a

young creature does is instinct and how much is learning? (T) (34169) 3.30 The Grampian Sheepdog Trials from Castle Fraser, Aberdeenshire (r) (82985) 4.00 Schools (1378256)

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THE MOVIE CHANNEL Home (1960) (90497) 7.30 David and the Magic Pearl (1994) (8734671) 8.45 I Welled with a Zombie (1943) (4298316) 10.65 Say One for Me (1959) (18519)

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6.00pm Born Yesterday (1950) (3718361) 8.00 Spaceballs (1967) (3720126) 10.00 Castanties of War (1969) (5175749) 12.00 Dannien: Omen II (1978) (2877633) 1.576pm Barudon Harvest (1942) 1.50em Random Harvest (1942) (58222188) 4.00-5.35 Father of the Bride CARTOON NETWORK/TNT Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT firms as follows. 9.00pm The Band Wagon (1953) (92021565) 11.00 42nd Street (1933) (287(8126) 12.35mm The Gra (1941) (57217879) 2.30-5.00 The Band

n (1953) (77993817)

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Ecclestone to become billionaire from Formula One flotation

By Alasdair Murray

MAX MOSLEY, president of the • Federation Internationale de L'Auto (FIA), and some of the top grand prix racing teams are expected to take a major stake when Formula One comes to the stock market in a flotation that will value the sport at up to £2.5 billion.

Mr Mosley, a son of Sir Oswald Mosley, is a close associate of Bernie Ecclestone, who effectively controls the sport and is the driving force behind the plans for flotation. Mr Ecclestone, who owns the rights to the Formula One and Grand Prix names, is expected to become a billionaire after the float.

Leading teams such as Williams and McLaren could also become substantial shareholders in a floated company. The teams currently receive direct income through deals negotiated with Mr Ecclestone's Formula One companies as well as

from sponsorship deals. The teams are understood to have pressed Mr Ecclesione to increase the amount they receive from the sport as television income begins to soar.

Salomon Brothers, the US investment bank, has been hired to prepare the flotation, which is expected to be in London and New York. Mr Ecclestone is keen to join the US market to try to promote the sport in one of the few major countries without a regular grand

also understood to have been attracted by the sport's potential.

Full details of the launch are not expected for several weeks. The parties are still trying to unravel the complex and previously secret deals between Mr Ecclestone's companies, the constructors and

Mr Ecclestone owns Formula One Promotions and Administration. which contracts the grand prix races

prix. US institutional investors are to circuit owners for a fee believed to be about £5 million a race. He also controls the TV rights through the separate Formula One Communications company, which recently sold the worldwide package for £100 million. He owns the merchandising rights and, through another independent company,

makes in-car camera technology. Prospects for digital television coverage are most likely to excite the maket. Mr Ecclestone has

predicted that pay-per-view and subscription coverage of grand prix racing could raise around £600 million. He is keen to introduce interactive technology, allowing viewers to choose which driver to

"ride" with, or to focus on pit-stops. Mr Ecclestone has already in-vested around £40 million in the project and is talking with BSkyB. an associate of The News Corpora-tion, parent company of *The Times*, about pay-per-view options. Money

raised during the share issue would be used to fund the purchase of satellite transmission time

There are 17 Grand Prix races each season and 12 teams. The sport is keen to expand into new areas, especially the Far East Mr Ecclestone was yesterday returning from Melbourne, where he watched David Coulthard win the

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Branson lures BA high-flyer to Eurostar

By Jon Ashworth

A HIGH-FLYING British Airways marketing executive has been recruited by London & Continental Railways (LCR) to lead the revival of Eurostar, the high-speed international passenger train

Eurostar and BA are intense rivals for traffic between London, Paris and Brussels.

Hamish Taylor relaunched Club World and Club Europe. and introduced "Beds in the Air" in BA First Class. He will today be confirmed as managing director of Eurostar (UK). He takes up the job shortly. The appointment is a sub-

stantial coup for LCR, and will delight Richard Branson, BA's arch-competitor. Mr Branson's Virgin Group has a stake in LCR, and has taken the lead in revemping Eurostar. Early successes have been reflected in a surge in passenger numbers, which leapt from 301,525 to 396,600 in February.

Robert Ayling, BA's chief executive, is understood to be furious at the loss of such a key executive. Mr Taylor, 36, was brands, in 1993, and rapidly took charge of BA's portfolio of passenger brands worldwide. graduate of St Andrew's University, he formerly ran the Flash and Fairy Liquid brands for Procter & Gamble,

and worked in consulting with

Price Waterhouse. Mr Taylor is the second senior figure to leave BA in less than a year. Last May, Ford Ennals, director of marketing, resigned the post after just ten months, and was only recently replaced. BA announced last month that the position had been filled internally,

Mr Taylor, who lives in Edinburgh, intends to focus on the service aspect of Eurostar - in contrast to BA, where his innovations included greater leg-room, and the introduction of cradle seats in Club World. He said: "Customer service of the highest quality will give us a real competitive advantage. Rivals



Taylor: a coup for LCR

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can copy a new seat, but it's much more difficult to copy people." He intends to spend his initial weeks canvassing staff on their views. Adam Mills, chief executive

of LCR, said he was "delightwith the appointment of Mr Taylor. He said: "His brand-building abilities in transport are proven and second to none and have been demonstrated by his successful relaunch of BA's premium brands. The task now is to accelerate the rapid growth in Eurostar traffic that has already been taking place under LCR's ownership.

LCR started running the 186 mph Eurostar trains just over a year ago. Backed by shareholders such as National Express and SBC Warburg, LCR has the contract to build the 68-mile high-speed rail link between London St Pancras and the Channel Tunnel. Due to open in 2003, the link will cut at least 40 minutes off journey times to Paris and Brussels.

The arrival of Mr Taylor will heighten tensions between ostar and regional European airlines, which fear loss of business on important shorthaul routes. The company aims to increase market share by competing more effectively with the airlines.

Eurostar carried nearly five million passengers last year, and is operating 90 per cent of its normal weekday services in spite of damage caused by the Channel Tunnel fire. It is expected that repairs will be completed by mid-May.



Ian Hopkins with his wife Valerie at the weekend. He has been barred and fined by the SFA

SFA ruling will put others off, says Barings 'whistleblower' •

By ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER Barings director widely seen as the only executive to press concerns over Nick Leeson's rogue trades will this week be formally declared "not fit and proper" to work in the City.

Ian Hopkins, who was head of group treasury and risk at the former merchant bank, will be told by the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA). the watchdog for brokers and futures traders, that he has been found guilty of failing to act with due skill, care and

diligence". Mr Hopkins, who did not attend the SFA tribunal hearing in January or submit a formal defence, has been barred from working as a senior manager in the Square Mile for up to three years. He has also been ordered to pay £10,000 towards

the cost of the SFA inquiry.
In a weekend interview with
The Times, Mr Hopkins, who
has been dubbed the whistleblower" for memos he wrote and issues he raised over Leeson's increasingly desper-ate cash calls, said the SFA ruling "will discourage others from sticking their heads above the parapet".

The SFA says that senior managers have a duty to persist with their concerns until they are noted by the proper authorities. The watchdog insisted that Mr Hopkins should have acted over the unchecked flow of funds to

Singapore before the crash. The former Barings director said he had passed on his concerns in internal memos and to Coopers & Lybrand, the bank's auditor, before the £830 million crash two years ago. He also claimed that Nick Durlacher, chief executive of the SFA, had tried to encour-

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He said: "I talked to Mr

Durlacher before the tribuna! hearing and he urged me to negotiate a behind the scenes settlement. I was not prepared to do that. He cited the case of Mary Walz as a precedent." Miss Walz, former global head of equity products at Barings, was this year reprimanded and told to pay a 55,000 contribution to costs.

Mr Hopkins said: "It seems extraordinary that if I did a deal with the SFA I would still be a fit and proper person. As I refused. I have been deemed unfit. I am very angry that, having raised concerns, I should be judged in this way."

During a Commons inquiry last year, Mr Hopkins told the Treasury Select Committee that in the days before the Barings collapse: "I found myself pretty much a lone voice at meetings at which there was a lot of table banging . . . I did everything I could in a difficult and hostile environment."

Mr Hopkins also claimed that the SFA had spent too much to investigate and prosecute his case.

"I don't want to be registered to work in the City again and I never did. I would quite happily have written a letter to. state that. This is not a happy story and I am expecting the SFA to stitch me up completely this week when it publishes its findings. I will not have any formal right of reply."

The SFA board will meet today to discuss how its rules over the role and responsibilities of senior executive officers can be more clearly defined.

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- - LIVERPOOL, Glasgow, Manchester, Portsmouth and Swansea have all lagged badly behind their potential for
 - creating new jobs than their mix of skills and industries would suggest, analysts commissioned by retailers and property groups have discovered. Mysteriously, others perform better than might be projected from their trials and
 - Richard Holt, director of Business Strategies, which is issuing a preliminary report on its study of 50 cities, said: "All

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UK from euro

By OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

EUROPE'S securities markets have already decided that sterling will not join a European currency in the first wave, whoever is in power. Fewer than one in 20 of the British and continental institutional investors polled by Merrill Lynch, the securities house, expect the UK to be a founder member of the euro.

Only Greece is less likely. An overwhelming majority expect EMU to go ahead, however, and predict that Britain will eventually join, as it joined the exchange-rate mechanism after 12 years. Continentals are not quite so

sure of British intentions. The survey, which covers most leading UK-based fund managers, suggests that there could be an upheaval in financial markets if a Labour government tried to take the UK into EMU from the start, even if that start were delayed, as a third of continental managers and more than half UK managers expect. Continental fund

By Chris Ayres

much more seriously, even though a high proportion of international stock and bond investment is managed from London, Less than a third of UK managers thought EMU would affect their investment techniques, against 62 per cent

on the Continent.

Toyota, a critic of UK isolation, has moderated its stance. Tatsuo Takahashi, managing director of Toyota Motor Europe, now says that standing alone and avoiding the social chapter might keep labour ralations and monetary policy more flexible, especially if Britain eventually joined.

In The UK economy outside EMU, a new report from the Institute of Directors, the IoD's Stephen Davies argues that Britain's relatively strong productivity should ensure that sterling appreciates against the euro if it stays out and that euro interest rates would have to be higher than on sterling debt.

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performance.

Markets rule out | South West Trains faces light fines

By Fraser Nelson

STAGECOACH, the transport group led by Brian Souter, is to be fined less than £100 a time for many of the services it is cutting from the timetable of its South West Trains rail

franchise. South West, which has had to cancel 39 trains each day after laying off too many drivers, may walk away from the fiasco with fines of less than £300,000. The group is



these cities have suffered to some extent

because of their industrial structure, but

that does not fully explain their problems. Understanding why some places have done well will help the less

successful take action to lift their future

have risen by 9,000 between 1981 and

1993 given the kind of industries the city

has. Instead, it fell by 64,000."
But it's not all bad news. Other cities

have defied economic expectations by

experiencing far better than average growth. In Exeter, employment rose 23

"Employment in Liverpool should

expected to make a £65 million profit in this financial year. Peter Cotton, commercial director, said the company is on course to evade the heavier penalties levied by Opraf, the rail franchising body, by avoiding peak-time cancellations. "The vast majority of the

fines will be nowhere near £600 per train," he said. He added that, in many cases, the penalty would be below £100 per train. Of the 39 services in suspension, 33 are frequent, short-distance shuttles that fall into the lower

services being suspended do not run in peak times so the

band of penalties. Stagecoach has assured an alysts privately that it stands to lose no more £25,000 a week in Opraf charges. It is being paid El million a week to run the franchise. Last month, South West Trains, which connects Waterloo with the commuter belt to the south west of London, gave away £1.2 million in free tickets to apologise for the cuts.



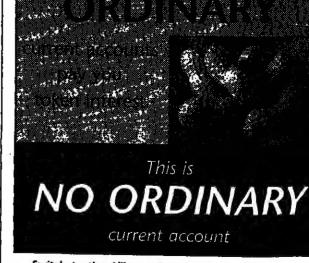
possibly because of the perceived quality of life in the area. Mr Holt said: "People think places like Reading and Cambridge have done well in the past decade. Considering their industrial structure, what is surprising is

per cent to 67,000 between 1981 and 1993,

when only 7 per cent was expected,

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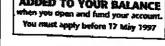
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